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WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The second great attempt to create a sensation and ruin the chances of Gen. GRANT's renomination has already met with sad misfortune. Mr. SUMNER, today, in the Senate, endeavored to elaborate his resolution of Monday. But before he was half through the well-nigh unanimous verdict of the Senate was that he was making a pitiable failure. SUMNER, however, labored on, his blind passion leading him into statements which were instantly exploded, and which he was compelled to admit were at fault. His friends feel deeply pained. They see that his great name and high position, coupled with his intense personal hostility to the President, have been taken advantage of by unscrupulous men to cover a malicious purpose which already promises to end in disaster. The excitement caused by the introduction of the resolution in the first instance was not very great except among the cabal which has been incubating it. Anxiety for its safe development caused them to be exceedingly feverish as the time for its entrance into the world drew near, and an hour was consumed in a discussion as to what should be done with the Appropriation bill, which it was decided by a vote of 40 to 17 should be postponed. Nearly all those known as friends of the Administration voted with SUMNER and SCHURZ to take up Mr. SUMNER's resolution. Mr. SUMNER, after this vote, thanked the Senate for its "hospitality," which was hardly necessary, seeing that its entertainment of his resolution only gave him an opportunity to make what he seemed himself to feel was a miserable failure. There was a marked difference in the spirit of Mr. SUMNER's speech today and his similar speeches heretofore. He failed to retain the somewhat full audience which he had when he began, and even the Democratic Senators, who are always on hand to hear the Administration traduced left for the most part, and in the cloakrooms expressed disgust at the fiasco that had been made. Mr. SUMNER made, for him, a most modest claim, and did not pretend that his disclosures, as he called them, were grounds for anything more than suspicion. Suspicion was the word that he chewed and fondled, and because he claimed there were grounds of suspicion, he called for the investigation. The last part of the speech was taken up with the reading from some text books on International law, to show that the German Empire has not yet found that our Government violated its duties as a neutral toward Germany. One of the reasons Mr. SUMNER put forth for his suspicion, was that the accounts of our War Department of the stores sold did not agree with the French account of what they received, from which he infers that some stealing must have been done, and he suspects that it must have been perpetrated by some of our officials. Another point was a discrepancy of the statements between the accounts of the War and Treasury Departments as to the amount that had been deposited in the Treasury for the sales of ordnance stores. Mr. WILSON, following Mr. SUMNER, explained how this happened. The War Department report included the settlements up to Nov. 15, while the Treasury accounts closed with the fiscal year on June 30. Mr. WILSON declared, on his conscience, that not a dollar of the money for which the arms were sold had been lost to the Government. He himself had made an investigation into the facts, and knew that the War Department had deposited the full amount claimed and had on file the proper vouchers. The evidence of this was to be had by asking for it and by the trouble of an examination in any one of three different offices where the accounts were kept. With much spirit he gave his colleague (SUMNER) and others a sharp lecture for making wild charges against facts which they could easily ascertain if disposed. Mr. SUMNER tried to find another discrepancy in the War Department report and had read an Associated Press dispatch to the TIMES of 1870, giving the result of bids for ordnance stores which had been opened at the War Department the day before. That these bids which he found recorded in a telegraphic dispatch were not reported in the list as sales he thought a very suspicious fact; but Mr. HARLAN immediately showed that the bids were rejected and the sales never made. When Mr. SUMNER was compelled to say that that allegation was unsworn, another point was that RICHARDSON, to whom sales were made, was the known attorney of REMINGTON, with whom, having been found to be an agent of France, dealings had been suspended. Upon this Mr. SUMNER laid great stress, and embodied it in his long preamble, therein stating that it was shown by communications which were quoted. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN pricked this bubble by inquiring how it was shown by the communications that RICHARDSON was known as such an agent, and it turned out that it was merely something than Mr. SUMNER supposed to be true. The speech is regarded in all quarters as having been the most disastrous failure of the season, and Mr. SUMNER himself seemed toward the close to be painfully conscious of it. He and SCHURZ soon after he sat down, held a gloomy-looking conference, which betrayed their feelings. Mr. SCHURZ is reported as saying that he has an unusually brilliant speech ready for to-morrow. Mr. HARLAN has the floor, and those who remember his masterfully powerful reply to the San Domingo charges may expect another earlier effort. Mr. CONKLING and Mr. MORTON both took notes, and will, doubtless, mingle in the debate. The immediate effect of the attempt seems a little excitement to-night, and far greater than any produced by the offering or expected results of the resolution itself. The exposure of the secret investigation or trial which yesterday's TIMES fell like a bombshell among the conspirators. They had counted on concealing the source from whence it proceeded; but in their efforts to carry out the details they overreached themselves, and are now suffering the consequences. Especially is this the case with Mr. DR CHAMBRUN, who now admits that he is the attorney of the French Legation here. Yesterday he requested a suspension of judgment until he could show that his action was free from any political bias, then he similtaneously dickered the dispatch in to-day's *Tribune*. The Marquis DE CHAMBRUN, admitting, as he does, his official connection with the French Government, has allowed his sympathy for, or his interest in the convicted French Consul at New-York to lead him into very grave errors of action and misstatement of fact. It will be borne in mind that although the French Government makes complaint of our Government in this matter, it certainly could not complain, even if it were true that the War Department sold arms directly to it, and if the French Government has any inquiry to make, the diplomatic channel is always open to it. Therefore it becomes a very grave matter for the Legation here, or any one attached to it, to transfer to Congress matters which it should present through the State Department. They have never had any reason to doubt the readiness of Mr. FISH to grant the fullest scope to their inquiry. On the contrary, the relations which Mr. CHAMBRUN has held with the State Department should have made him exceedingly careful not to lend himself to any matter which was designed to reflect upon the political standing of the Administration. This matter has gone so far that a grave complication is already likely to arise from it. The use of official communications sent by this Government to the French Legation here for a hostile political purpose against the Government, was alluded to privately among Senators today, and if the facts are borne out, Mr. SCHURZ and his allies will have their hands full in defending their mode of warfare. One fact alone shows the character of this proceeding. The *Tribune* in defending the conspirators says they simply brought the matter to the attention of the proper Cabinet officers, and CHAMBRUN tries to make it appear that he applied in that way before allowing the matter to get into Congress. The proof is conclusive that he sought in vain to get Senator PATTERSON to take this matter into the Senate long before he brought the affair to the attention of any Department. The investigation will probably be ordered either by the present investigating Committee or by referring the subject to Senator WILSON's Military Committee, which would be its appropriate disposition. It is very desirable now that it should proceed. The opportunity for another vindication of the Government's action should be improved, and the motive for the attack exposed. But there is one thing which will be insisted upon, and that is that the investigation shall proceed upon the merits of the case submitted, and shall not be made simply a means of throwing dirty water.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The House Select Committee on the Civil Service held a meeting today, getting together a quorum for the first time since its appointment six weeks ago. There is no longer any doubt that the majority of the Committee is in favor of taking active steps toward a reform, and Mr. WILLARD's bill, introduced some time ago, will be favorably reported. This bill provides that it shall hereafter be unlawful for any member of either House of Congress, verbally or in writing, to solicit or recommend or advise any party having power to nominate or appoint to positions, to appoint any person to office or remove any from office. The proviso attached to this regulation is that if the opinion of any Congressman regarding the fitness of an applicant is asked in writing, he can give it also in writing. The Committee will not report this bill until after it has held another meeting, but of those members present today nearly all expressed themselves decidedly in its favor. The Committee decided to report Mr. WILLARD's bill in relation to the clerks of the House Committees.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The bills reported today by the Public Buildings Committee, appropriating money for Government buildings at Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Hartford, Conn., passed the House today with scarcely a ripple of objection, and a similar bill in favor of Quincy, Ill., would have passed by a large majority but for the expiration of the morning hour, in spite of the vigorous opposition of Messrs. DAWES and GARFIELD. This rather unprecedented liberality on the part of the House is easily explained. The Appropriations Committee have decided to put these items for new buildings into separate bills, and the Public Buildings Committee, by reporting these bills and securing action upon them, will prevent a combination of those members who are interested in similar bills, to force through all their measures in a bunch. The Committee, with this in view, will report favorably upon two or three more bills which it now has under consideration. The Quincy bill will be passed to-morrow.

OLD NAVAL STORES.

Mr. BECK today presented his resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Navy for information as to what property belonging to the United States had been sold by that Department since June 15, 1865, and the disposition of the proceeds. The resolution was passed. Mr. BECK has been frequently asserting that these sales amount to hundreds of millions; that they included several iron-clads, and other equally extravagant and unfounded statements. The facts, as decidedly stated by Mr. BECK, are that under the present Administration less than $1,000,000 have been realized by these sales, and none of this money has been spent. The precise figures of the sales are—Bureau of Construction and Repair, $456,777; steam machinery, $97,325 29; ordnance, $150,758 69; equipment, $216,855 66. Total, $927,696 95.

ELECTIONS.

The House Committee on Elections today voted to give Gen. LEW CAMPBELL ten days' additional time to take evidence in the case of the contest against his right to a seat.

COMMERCE.

The Commerce Committee of the House to-morrow will lay aside the consideration of the Steam-boat bill, which has occupied so much time, and take up the measures before it for the revival of American commerce. There is little hope of reaching any present results in the former matter, which is the reason for the action.

TEA AND COFFEE.

The Ways and Means Committee, this morning, by a majority of one, insisted that the instructions of the House to report a bill taking the duty off of tea and coffee should be immediately complied with. Mr. DAWES objected, and declined to report the bill, because it simply took the subject of the tariff right out of the jurisdiction of the Committee. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN was, therefore, authorized to report the bill, which he subsequently did, and it was sent to the Committee of the Whole, without any special assignment. Of course it can never get out of Committee without being assailed by scores of amendments.

FISH CULTURE.

The report made by Prof. S. F. BAIRD, who was appointed Fish Commissioner under a joint resolution of Congress, with instructions to report upon the habits of the fishes of the coast, and to investigate the causes of their rapid disappearance has attracted much interest here, and the House Committee will probably organize the appropriation for this purpose at the earliest date that will enable further investigations into the subject to be made. The American Fish Culturists Association recommend the addition of two additional Commissioners to extend the subject to the rivers of the country, and to propose plans to restock them with the shad and salmon which are so rapidly disappearing. This has been described to be entirely feasible, and the subject of a fish supply is becoming so important that it is thought Congress should take the whole matter under its jurisdiction.

THE DISTRICT.

Gov. COOKE, today, answered at length the interrogatories propounded by the municipalities who are prosecuting the District of Columbia investigation before the District Committee in the House. The answers are very full and complete, and clear up many of the charges against the District Government, showing that they have no foundation. The Chairman of the Committee was compelled today to rebuke very sharply the disgraceful tactics resorted to by the persons who have been allowed to appear as prosecutors.

THE HORNET.

The Attorney-General has decided in the case of the steamer *Hornet* to allow her to go to New-York, upon a bond to be entered into by sufficient sureties that she will proceed direct to New-York from Baltimore and go nowhere else.

NOMINATIONS.

The President sent the following nominations to the Senate to-day: Postmasters—Wm. L. Berry, at Newnan, Ga.; Alfred Kent, at Gonzales, Texas; G. W. Warren, at Gray, Texas; E. B. Dawson, at Scranton, N. J.; J. S. Loper, at Hackensack, N. J.

ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

Blockades and Snow Blockades on the Union Pacific—Sentiment that Works for the Interest of the Railway.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

OMAHA, Feb. 14.—The following statement of the history and condition of the Union Pacific snow blockade is furnished by that Company: The first blockade on the Union Pacific Railroad during the present season occurred Oct. 13 near Rawlins. Since that time with brief intervals there has been a succession of snow and windstorms of great violence. The greatest depth of falling snow on the line of the road across the mountains is thirty-four inches. But the detention of trains has been caused by drifting and not by falling snow. The Company then detail the precautions they took to guard against snow-storms in past years, and say that after the first blockade this Winter the three succeeding snow-storms came from precisely the opposite direction, and against these snow-storms the fences and precaution afforded no protection whatever. An effort was then made to erect fences on the opposite side of the road, in the shortest possible time. Workmen were employed night and day in the construction of fences at Omaha. When made in sufficient quantities, special trains, loaded with new fence, were sent to the proper localities for erection. In November the second serious blockade occurred, the fences having been found insufficient to arrest the drifting snow. An effort was then made to open the road and keep it open by the use of snow-plows, of which the Company had thirteen that had proved to be efficient during the past two Winters with three heavy wagons coupled behind each plow, and as the result of this attempt twenty locomotives were disabled within one week by being thrown from the track and materially injured. Seven snow-trains were fitted out with accommodations on each for sleeping and feeding seventy-five laborers, and with two weeks' supplies of provisions this force was set at work, in addition to the ordinary number of employes; and in this way trains have been kept over the road in this way trains have been kept over the twenty-five years say that the present Winter has been the most severe in twenty-five years. It is thought that the road can, during the next season, be prepared to pass trains promptly during any future Winter of even greater severity than the present.

One difficulty has been that the road passes through a region destitute of supplies and labor, and the men in numerous cases had frozen limbs and were disabled. Until the weather shall change and these storms cease, it is our expectation to run trains over the road by feeding them by a snow-train, and, also, with a train of provisions and coal sufficient for a thirty days' supply. By this means we expect to get trains through in from ten to fifteen days, depending, of course, on the frequency and violence of the storms. No trains will be sent out without this supply, although passengers will necessarily experience the annoyance of detention, it is intended that these supplies of fuel and provision shall be ample for any emergency. The road is now open from Omaha to Laramie, distance 579 miles, and from Washington Junction, on the Cheyenne Cut-offs, distance 110 miles. There are now seven west-bound passenger-trains detained near Separation, which is twenty-nine miles distant from the western boundary of the blockade, and there are two east-bound passenger-trains at Green River, waiting until the west-bound trains shall pass the blockade. At various points along the road there are about 300 west-bound cars of freight, and about 200 cars of freight east bound.

The Japanese at Salt Lake—Dissatisfaction with the Union Pacific Railroad.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 14.—The Japanese Ambassadors say that they would rather remain at Salt Lake City until the Union Pacific Road is open than return to San Francisco and take a steamer. Gov. STANFORD sent a dispatch, today, offering Minister DE LONG and the whole Embassy a special train back to San Francisco in time to take the steamer *Constitution*, but the offer was respectfully declined. All of the Japanese seem to enjoy their visit to Salt Lake City, but some of them were to start for Ogden today had been ordered not to come, as the Wasatch Division is clear. Much feeling exists against the Union Pacific Company, the people believing that with proper management the passengers and mails could have been brought through a week ago. Responsible parties have been offering for the last ten days to bring in all the passengers and mails within thirty-six hours for a reasonable compensation. The stage men launch at the declaration of the Union Pacific Railroad Company that money would be no object to get the passengers and mails through. The weather here today is mild and rainy.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Annual Meeting—Reports of the President and Treasurer—Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The State Agricultural Society was called to order by the President, RICHARD DARTE, in the Assembly Chamber, at 12½ o'clock today. The report of the Executive Committee was read. It shows there was during the past year an unusual growth. The wheat crop was large. Spring grains showed average crops. Corn was under the average. The hay crop was better than in 1870, but considered a light one. The report shows the Society to be in excellent condition. The town and county societies are also in good condition. LUTHER H. TUCKER, Treasurer, submitted his report, showing the receipts for the year to be $65,346 72; total payments, $62,499 15; cash in United States Securities on hand 14th February, 1872, $2,847 57. On motion the usual committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year was appointed with power to select, if they see fit, the place for holding the next annual Fair. The Committee, however, decided to leave to the Executive Committee to select the location. The following officers were elected: President, Milo Ingalsbe, of Washington County; First Vice-President, John D. Wing, of New-York; Second Vice-President, Edwin Thorne, of Dutchess; Third, Daniel Doncaster, of Albany; Fourth, Frank D. Curtis, of Saratoga; Fifth, James Geddes, of Onondaga; Sixth, Alexander L. Devine, of Chemung; Seventh, Benjamin F. Angel, of Livingston; Eighth, William H. Pendry, of Orleans; Corresponding Secretary, Thomas S. Harrison, of St. Lawrence; Recording Secretary, William H. Ragan, of Oswego; Treasurer, Luther H. Tucker, Albany; Executive Committee, Harris Lewis, of Herkimer; J. W. Wadsworth, of Livingston; Adam Thayer, Jr., of Rensselaer; William M. Holmes, of Washington; John L. Gale, of Wayne; Joseph Tuttle, of Chemung; Wheeler H. Bennett, of Tioga; Robert J. Swann, of Ontario. The retiring President CHURCH delivered his annual address, and the newly elected officers were installed.

THE WEATHER.

Severe and Probably Blizzard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—1 A. M.—The low barometer which was Tuesday on the New-Jersey coast has apparently moved north-eastward over New-England into Maine and Canada. Northerly winds on the New-England coasts have veered south-eastward and south-east, and fresh or brisk westerly winds have prevailed during Wednesday from the Middle and Eastern to the Atlantic coasts. Light winds have blown and are now reported from Illinois and Wisconsin to the Missouri. Cloudy weather with occasional snow has prevailed on the lower lakes and Pennsylvania, and partially cloudy and clear weather from the Gulf coast northward. The temperature has very generally fallen from the lower lakes to the Atlantic, and rises from the Ohio Valley northwestward. An area of high barometer has extended north-eastward from Texas into the Ohio Valley. Pleasant weather has been reported from the California coast.

PROBABILITIES.

The barometer will probably rise on Thursday over generally warmer the Atlantic States; northerly winds and falling temperature extend over the Middle and Eastern States; partially cloudy and pleasant weather on the lower lakes; rising temperature and increasing southerly winds extend over the upper Mississippi Valley. Dangerous winds are now anticipated for Thursday morning.

IN NEW-YORK CITY.

Before sunrise yesterday misty rain prevailed. This was succeeded by snow equals until 1 P. M. The evening was very cold. The thermometer indicated at 6 A. M., 20°; 11 A. M., 26°; 1 P. M., 29°; 7 P. M., 24°; 9 P. M., 20°. Barometer, 30.10, 30.05, 29.75, 29.85. Corresponding date last year. Thermometer 36°, 30°, 31°, 30°. The indications are for colder weather.

THE STATE LAW-MAKERS.

Is the Charter of the Committee of Seventy to Be Lost?

Publishing for the Repeal of the Erie Brokers' Act—The Grand Jury Bill—Resignation of Trowbridge, and a Recount Agreed to in 16 Cases.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1872.

When Mr. ALVORD made the motion, last evening, that the consideration of the Seventy's Charter should be resumed as the special order in the Assembly immediately after the reading of the journal this morning, it appears not to have occurred to a single member of the House that the Assembly had, by a resolution adopted more than a week ago, surrendered the use of their Chamber to the State Agricultural Society, which was to convene at 12 M. today. It is shrewdly suspected that Mr. ALVORD, who is not generally regarded as anxious for the speedy passage of the charter, may have had a lively recollection of this resolution, but, if so, he kept it to himself, and it was not until the gray-headed farmers of the Agricultural Society came flocking into the lobbies of the Capitol, this morning, that the members generally became aware of the fact that they were precluded by their own action from going on with the business of legislation beyond the hour of 12. As the Assembly does not meet till 11 o'clock, it was apparent that very little progress could be made with the charter today, and accordingly there was an unanimous acquiescence in the motion made by Mr. ALVORD to put it off till to-morrow morning, when it is again to be made the special order after the reading of the journal. The Assembly then took up the general order of business, and, among the resolutions called from the table was the one introduced last week for taking the usual annual recess from Friday next over to the following Monday week. Some discussion ensued, in which it was stated that several of the Standing Committees of the Assembly had been directed to make investigations that would require their absence for several days from Albany, and that, unless a recess was taken, these investigations could not be made without a neglect of their legislative duties by a large number of members. Mr. ALBERGER, Chairman of the Commerce and Navigation Committee, stated, for instance, that his Committee had been instructed to make not less than five investigations in New-York and vicinity, which would occupy all the time of the recess, and more too. The Judiciary Committee was similarly situated. In view of these facts, the Assembly agreed to the recess by a vote of 68 to 42.

It is believed that a desperate effort will now be made by the opponents of the Seventy's Charter to stave off final action on it in the Assembly until after the recess, in the hope that combinations may be made in the meantime which will secure its defeat. There is no doubt that delay has a tendency to weaken the chances of the charter, but I doubt whether its enemies can muster votes enough to kill it at the end of the recess or at any other time. Besides, it is not certain that the Senate will concur in the Assembly resolution to take a week's recess, and, without their concurrence, there cannot be an adjournment for more than one day. As an indication of the means that are to be used to defeat the Seventy's Charter, it may be stated that a printed circular was placed on the desks of members, this morning, designed to show that the claim of the Committee of Seventy to represent the people of New-York is unfounded. The defeat of the candidates indorsed by the Committee for Aldermen at the last election, is cited in the circular as an evidence of its weakness, and an analysis of the vote at the last election is made to show that the Committee only controlled 30,000 out of the 124,000 ballots cast.

COUNTER PETITIONS ON THE ERIE BILL.

A large number of petitions and memorials have been received by members, asking for the repeal of the Erie Classification bill, and the election of a new Board of Directors of the Erie Railroad Company. The petitioners repudiate the idea attempted to be conveyed in the bogus petitions purporting to come from residents on the line of the Erie Road, that they are in favor of sustaining the rascalities of GOULD, FISK and TWEED merely because a small percentage of their stolen money was expended in accommodations for the public. The memorials are numerously signed by the most respectable citizens of Orange, Monroe, Chemung and other counties along the line of the road, as well as from hundreds of merchants, lawyers and business men in New-York City.

THE BROOKLYN CHARTER.

The delegates from the Reform Committee of Brooklyn had another hearing before the Assembly Committee on Cities, this morning, on the charter for that city, which was introduced last week. Mr. GOODRICH, Mr. DENAS BARNES, Mr. RICHARDSON, and Mr. EDWARD DRIGGS addressed the Committee. District-Attorney TRACY was also present. There is a disagreement in reference to some provisions of the charter between the Republican and Democratic members of the Reform Committee. The Democrats want to make a clean sweep of all the City officials at the first election under the charter next Fall, while the Republicans insist that the men of their party who were so fortunate as to be elected under the Reform movement last Fall, in spite of Democratic frauds, shall not be legislated out of office. The charter, as introduced, provides that the heads of Departments shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority of the Aldermen. The Republicans advocate a change, so as to give the appointing power to the Mayor, Controller and Auditor, the last two of whom are Republicans. They also advocate three heads of each Department, instead of one, as provided by the charter. It is certain that the charter will not be reported as it went into the hands of the Committee, and it is probable that the changes advocated by the Republicans will be made. It is getting to be more evident here every day that the Reformers, both of New-York and Brooklyn, have got to recognize the fact that this is a Republican as well as a reform Legislature, and that, in measures of legislation asked for here, some regard has got to be paid to the wishes and interests of the party in power as well as to the defeated Democracy.

THE GRAND JURY BILL.

Mr. ALVORD presented a report from the Conference Committee of the two Houses on the Grand Jury bill. They report that the Senate recede from its amendment, leaving the bill just as it passed the Assembly, which allows two Grand Juries to sit at the same time in New-York City, but provides that neither jury shall consider any charge forming the subject of indictment after the same has been acted upon by the other jury.

THE RESIGNATION OF MR. TREWHITGIFT.

The resignation of Mr. TREWHITGIFT, the Clerk, took the Senate by surprise today. True, his resignation was expected to take place, but not at this time. It was thought that it would follow the report of the Committee appointed to investigate the charges against him. The Committee had finished the investigation, and the evidence has been spread before the public. With every disposition to go to all reasonable lengths to shield Mr. TREWHITGIFT, who is a general favorite with the Senate, it was felt that the Senate could not, without establishing a very dangerous precedent, sanction, or even condone the questionable practices complained of. Senator HAMILTON, one of the Committee, has been for several days too sick to attend to any business, and this has prevented an earlier presentation of the report, which, as it is well understood, will not attempt to vindicate the Clerk. As his resignation has been accepted and accepted, it is not improbable that further proceedings in the case will be dropped. An active canvass is in progress for the succession. There are two candidates, namely, Mr. GUMBLETON and Mr. DAYTON, both of whom have been for several years assistants in the desk, and both of whom are very competent and worthy men.

THE NINTH DISTRICT COURT-HOUSE.

Senator TIEMANN is following up the Harlem Court-house exposures with characteristic pluck and determination. He has introduced a resolution calling upon Controller GREEN for information as to the value of the real estate occupied and the actual value of the work already done.

THE FEBRUARY RECESS.

It has become a custom which has not been departed from for many years, for the Legislature to take a recess of a week or ten days at about this season, under the pretense of celebrating WASHINGTON's birthday. The resolution to this effect passed the Assembly this morning, and came up for concurrence in the Senate today, where it was very unexpectedly beaten. Mr. BENEDICT was the first to attack it. He said it was the duty of the Legislature to sit here daily and work until the time of adjournment. He always opposed these breaks in the session, and saw no reason for them whatever. Other Senators followed in the same vein, and the advocates of the recess, if any such there were, seemed indisposed to stem the current. Mr. MADDEN thought an adjournment of two or three days might be allowed, and moved to adjourn from Wednesday next week till the following Monday. This amendment was adopted and then the whole proposition voted down. It must not be too hastily assumed, however, that the matter is settled. These things have been settled before now to all appearance, and reversed again by reconsideration.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

In introducing his bill for a State Board of Railroad Commissioners, Mr. ADAMS took occasion to say very explicitly that he did not desire to stand committed in favor of the bill, which he introduced by request, and that he had not had time fully to acquaint himself with its provisions.

A CITY CHARTER.

The New-York City Charter bill, introduced by Senator BENEDICT today, is the same as that introduced in the Assembly by Mr. MACKAY on Monday last.

KILLING OF CATTLE.

Senator O'BRIEN introduced a bill providing that in all cities and villages of the State containing a population of 10,000 or more, the killing or slaughtering of all animals for human food shall be completely concealed from public view and hearing, and no child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any slaughtering establishment, under penalty of the employer committing a misdemeanor.

C. R. Dayton Nominated to Succeed Mr. Terwilliger—The Erie Classification Bill—The Sectarian Clause Stricken Out of the Committee of Seventy's Charter—Miscellaneous.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, Feb. 14.—At a caucus of Republican Senators this evening, CHARLES R. DAYTON, for several years past Journal Clerk, was nominated for Clerk of the Senate in place of Mr. TREWHITGIFT, resigned. There was a final hearing before the Assembly Railroad Committee this evening, on the bill to repeal the Erie Classification act, in which Mr. HALE advocated the repeal and the inevitable SHERMAN opposed it, and was assisted by a Mr. BAKER, of Yates County, who gave the Committee the startling information that Gen. BARLOW would not have been elected Attorney-General of the State had it been known that he would take any steps inimical to the present management of Erie. The Committee will favorably report the Repeal bill beyond a doubt. JAY GOULD will be here to test the strength of Erie arguments before the House. The members of the Committee of Seventy now here held an informal meeting this evening to consider the prospects of their charter. They have strong faith that it will pass the Assembly before the recess. In order to facilitate speedy action upon it, they have concluded to consent to the striking out of the ninety-second section, which was likely to give rise to a lengthy discussion. This is the section that authorizes the appropriation, on certain conditions, of the public money in aid of sectarian schools in the City. There is a strong feeling in the Legislature in favor of prohibiting all appropriations, whether in City or State, by law, and an amendment to the Constitution incorporating this prohibition has already been proposed. Efforts are also being made to induce the Committee to consent to the striking out of the clause providing for a Bureau of Arts, which is to be incorporated in the Board of Commerce, for the creation of which a bill was introduced last week, and which is regarded with much favor by leading Republicans in the Legislature, and is understood to have the support of the Administration at Washington. Gen. SICKLES heartily favors the bill as a comprehensive measure of reform for the port of New-York, and calculated to correct the abuses that have so long burdened the commerce of that City. The Chamber of Commerce have sent for a copy of the bill, which is now being revised and perfected by the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, and which it is thought will, when finished, meet the views of the great body of merchants in New-York. Among the arrivals this evening are Ernstus Brooks, Ethan Allen, Lieut-Gov. Woodford, O. C. Wright, C. L. Tremaine, Gen. Frank Spinola, James W. Farr, James H. Dyett, Jacob Van Vooret, Ex-Collector Murphy, George Bliss, and others, mostly lawyers having cases before the Court of Appeals. Judge VAN VOORHIS appeared before the Ways and Means Committee this evening, to advocate the law which was defeated by the last Legislature, exempting mortgages on real estate from taxation.

SAD RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

The Bursting of an Engine on the Erie Railroad Exploder—One Man Killed and Several Wounded.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT, Penn., Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1872.

An engine No. 251, on the Erie Railway, was assisting in pushing a freight-train up the grade from the station to the summit, its boiler exploded with a report which was heard for miles. The locomotive was raised bodily from the track, and thrown thirty feet down the embankment. The force of the concussion whirled it completely round, and when it struck at the foot of the bank, was headed toward this place. Another engine, which was behind the exploded one assisting it, being relieved of an obstruction in front, went crashing into the caboose of the train being pushed up the grade. In an instant all was confusion. The explosion had shattered the caboose completely, and filled it with scalding steam. The engine running into it made it a complete wreck, and that any of its inmates escaped with their lives is miraculous. There were in the caboose at the time Conductor KEYES and his flag-man, and three other persons, who were "dead-heading it" to the summit to attend a ball. These were all severely scalded, and were so confused by the accident that none of them are able to tell how they got out of the caboose. MICHAEL CAREY, the engineer of the engine on which the explosion occurred, was found immediately after it several feet away, sitting by a water-tank, and knew nothing of the occurrence. He asked in the greatest astonishment what had become of his engine. He was badly cut about the head. The fireman, CHARLES UNDERWOOD, was carried down the bank with the engine. Cries were heard issuing from the wreck below, and Conductor KEYES and others went down and found the fireman fast in the cab. He was extricated, and proved to be dangerously injured. He was scalded and bruised on every part of his body. PATRICK MCCAY, of Deposit, was found in the wreck dead. He was a tramper, and is thought to have been on his way to the ball before mentioned.

Conductor KEYES was badly scalded about the hands and arms. He says his sensations at the time of the accident were much peculiar. When the explosion took place, the caboose seemed as if being pulled forward, or giving way. Then followed a crushing of the timbers, and the hot steam rushed in at every side. He mechanically covered his face with his hands, expecting none to be blinded or destroyed. This action saved him greater injury, as his hands protected his face, and in an instant the situation of intense heat was over. The air was stifling in the caboose, but how he and his companion got into the open air is cannot say. MICHAEL FITZ, flagman, was severely scalded about the hands. FRANK BLOKER, CHARLES DEAN and PATRICK CONNOLLY were scalded and bruised. A boy who was going up on the engine was thrown with it down the bank, and escaped uninjured. Another boy who was with him is missing, no trace of him at this writing having been found. An old man and his son, living at the summit, both of whom were standing on the platform of the caboose, were injured seriously by flying pieces of iron. One of the old man's legs was cut nearly in two, and several ribs were broken. His son was terribly mangled about the legs.

Directly after the accident the caboose caught fire. Immediately ahead of it were oil-cars in the train. The fire at once communicated to them. To add to all this, there would have been a still more fearful scene in a few minutes more, but for the returning presence of mind of the conductor. The mail train, No. 5, from New-York, was about due, and a man was dispatched with a flag to signal it. He accomplished his errand none too soon, as the train was then dangerously near. It was stopped, however, and its conductor and engineer were opportune arrivals at the scene. By their aid the portion of the freight-train which had not yet caught fire was detached from the burning car, and the work of destruction confined to the caboose, two oil-cars and a car loaded with grain.

After the explosion, the men on the remaining engine did not wait to see the extent of the damage and injury; but, frightened out of their wits, started back down the grade toward Susquehanna at a fearful rate of speed, blowing their whistle all the way. When they got up to the station, where the whistles had been heard the entire distance, the populace had collected *en masse* to ascertain the meaning of the strange proceeding. The engineer threw the place into the most intense excitement by reporting the explosion, and every one on the train killed or dying. Two cabooses, with a surgeon and many citizens repaired at once to the scene of the accident, and happily found it, although serious enough, not as bad as reported by the frightened engineer. The injured, together with the body of McCOY, were brought to Susquehanna, where they were shown every attention by the officials at the station and the people. The firemen and the old man, it is thought, cannot recover, and the injuries of others may prove more serious than they are thought to be. The cause of the explosion is not known. An examination of the engine showed that its crown sheet was blown out, and the boiler was a complete wreck. How any of those on the engine escaped with their lives is one of those mysterious dispensations of Providence which are beyond human comprehension.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Captain-General VALMASEDA returned to Havana Tuesday.

The expedition to search for Dr. LIVINGSTONE has left London.

The Grand Duke ALEXIS was serenaded, last night, at New-Orleans.

Prof. CHARLES A. LEE, of Peekskill, died at his residence in that place, yesterday.

The three days' carnival at Havana terminated without any disturbance.

The Pacific Hotel, in Chicago, is to be finished about New-Year's, at a cost of $1,000,000.

The Winter fishing at Eastport, Me., seems to be about over for the season.

WM. NEWTON, one of the most respected citizens of Albany, died yesterday, aged eighty-seven years.

JAS. ARMSTRONG, convicted of manslaughter at Salem, Mass., has been sentenced to twenty years in the State Prison.

Mr. GROSVENOR, President of the late Missouri Liberal Convention, denies that the Cincinnati Convention has been postponed.

McDONALD CHIEF, recently found guilty of the murder of HARRISON, at Brookville, Ind., has been granted a new trial.

The report of the Treasurer of the State Agricultural Society shows the receipts for the past year to have been $65,346 12.

The manufactory of Mr. ROSDELL, at Philadelphia, was burned yesterday, destroying goods to the amount of $50,000.

Mrs. MARY FOY died at Philadelphia, yesterday, from injuries inflicted Tuesday by her intoxicated husband.

WESTELL RUSSELL, of Hartford, Conn., was renominated, yesterday, by the Republicans of the County for Sheriff.

A fire at Richmond, Va., last night, destroyed G. J. MONTAGUE's sash and blind factory. Loss $80,000.

At the annual town elections in Chemung County, New-York, on Tuesday, six Republicans and five Democrats were elected.

The residence of the late WILLIAM C. BARRON, at Belmont, Cal., was burned yesterday. Loss $30,000; insured.

The western and Southern general passenger and ticket agents met at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, yesterday.

Three wooden buildings were burned at Chicago yesterday. Loss $8,000; insured for $6,000.

The City [illegible] and St. Anthony, Minn., were [illegible] for the name of Minneapolis on [illegible] a three-fourths majority in both cities.

The Constitutional Convention at Charleston, West Virginia, in framing a new constitution have adopted a clause giving all citizens the right of suffrage.

A dispatch from Sioux City says that a fearful storm raged in that section on Monday afternoon and night. The trains are all blockaded.

The members of the party of the Right in the French National Assembly held a meeting last night, and adopted a resolution declaring their unwillingness to fuse with the Orleanists.

The Quarterly Session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Eastern New-York, comprising twenty-five counties, was held at Poughkeepsie, yesterday.

At St. Louis JAMES T. WILSON, bookkeeper for CARTWELL & SHORTS, was arrested, yesterday, for embezzling some $2,500 of their funds.

Dr. GODDIN and WESLEY BROCK, at Richmond, Va., yesterday, were indicted for causing the death of JENNIE KING while attempting to procure an abortion.

The steamer *Nashville*, which sunk at Cincinnati, Tuesday night, is feared will prove a total loss. It is stated that her cargo was not worth over $60,000.

Two freight-trains came into collision on the Grand Trunk Railway, at Beattie's Crossing, in Stratford, N. H., yesterday. One of the engineers was severely injured.

The Georgia Bond Committee, yesterday, resolved to permit the European bond-holders to submit proofs for the registration of bonds, without requiring them to be presented here.

It is feared that the Canadian surveying party, under Col. HOWARD, now numbering about twenty-two persons, which left Dutchess, on foot, for the north of Lake Superior, about a month ago, have perished in some storm.

The steamer *Tiber* has arrived from Newfoundland, bringing advices that the Legislature opened on the 25th ult. The revenue for the past year showed a balance of £18,000 over expenditure.

A railroad collision occurred Tuesday, about a mile north of Evansville, Wis., on the Chicago and North-Western Railway, between a passenger-train and a freight. One man was injured.

The Union Passenger Depot of the Chicago and St. Louis and the Illinois Central Railroads, and the hotel adjacent, at Normal, Ill., were burned yesterday morning. Loss, $35,000; insured for $12,000.

At the meeting of the State Homeopathic Medical Society, at Albany, yesterday, the following officers were elected: President, H. A. Hoagenson; Vice-President, Charles Gilbert; H. L. Meabes and G. L. Gifford; Recording Secretary, H. M. Paine; Corresponding Secretary, E. D. Jones; Treasurer, Dr. S. Hunting.

Congressman Garfield to Mayor Andrews, mayor of the Alexandria Association.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 14.—A Republican caucus of members of the Legislature, this

PECULIAR BOOK-KEEPING.

Report of the Receiver of One of the Ring Savings Banks.

How the Bowling-Green Bank Depositors' Money was Invested—Walter Roche's Trip to Europe—The Mysteries of the "Secretary's Account."

THE BOWLING-GREEN BANK.

A Statement from the Receiver—Interesting Figures—Rascality of the Ring—The "Secretary's Account."

A complete and detailed statement of the financial condition of the Bowling-green Savings Bank is this morning presented by the receiver, Mr. S. F. KNAPP. The first portion shows the supposed assets and liabilities according to the general ledger of the bank at the date of suspension, Nov. 13, 1871. The remainder is a carefully-prepared and eminently detailed account of the real assets and liabilities of the bank, compiled by Mr. BURKE, the accountant, and supervised by Mr. KNAPP himself. This statement gives a plain and unvarnished history of the enormous barefaced robberies committed by the officials of the bank, Messrs. "HANK" SMITH, WALTER ROCHE and REEVES E. SELMES.

The first item in the real assets which shows the minor swindles perpetrated by these three worthies is the small sum of $236 54 interest "erroneously" charged as principal. The sum is almost insignificant when compared with the further swindles discovered. The next item is of somewhat larger dimensions, and is more worthy the Bowling-green "Ring:" being $25,000 worth of City Improvement bonds, not accounted for by the officers of the bank. The next discrepancy is placed under the head of call loans, and amounts to $60,023 23, being loans to persons who cannot be found. Full details of this particular swindle have already been given in these columns, sufficient it would be supposed to convict the trio of forgery, embezzlement or grand larceny. Another item of $61,010 63 is the expense account of one year, which was "erroneously" placed among the call loans. The large sum of $33,441 67 is found to have been lent upon worthless collaterals, and upon no security whatever. The statement further shows large sums loaned chiefly without security, and thus fully exposes the deliberate falsehoods published by "HANK" SMITH in his recent statement about the real estate of this bank.

The largest and most reckless swindle perpetrated by the "Ring" is that of $48,125, borrowed from the Guardian Savings Bank, without one little of security, other than the fact that ROCHE was a Vice-President of both banks. This large sum which the Guardian Bank is now suing to recover amounts with interest to $62,192 75, and was entirely appropriated by the officials for their own private purposes, with $2,400 additional. To present some show of a business transaction in this outrageous piece of rascality, an account entitled the "Secretary's account" was invented, and the gross sum credited to it, and at intervals drawn out by the officers of this precious trio. Inquiry was yesterday made at several respectable banks as to whether a Secretary's account was a portion of the bookkeeping of any savings institution, and the unanimous reply was that such an account had never before been heard of. It appears that in the Summer of 1870 WALTER ROCHE took a trip to Europe, and invariably drew upon the bank for his expenses, all of which were entered in the "Secretary's account." Lest the creditors might grumble at any seeming partiality, Mr. REEVES E. SELMES took a similar trip to the Continent, having with him the delightful addition of a newly-wedded bride. The modest expenses incurred by Mr. SELMES and his bride were likewise credited to the "Secretary's account," and the confiding depositors will now have the felicity of footing up the bills of their honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. SELMES spent a most delightful honeymoon. It was intended that "HANK SMITH would next Summer (at the expense of the depositors) take a trip to Europe, which, in point of cost and magnificence, would complete the eclipse and snuff out the "tours" of his inferior officers. Circumstances over which Mr. SMITH has no control will doubtless prevent the intended excursion. A copy of the legal form on which the Guardian Savings Bank is now suing the Bowling-green Bank is to be found in charge of the receiver. This form contains copies of the checks which large sums of money were loaned by the Guardian Bank, and the entire transaction is a deep disgrace to both institutions. The letters, some asking for as much as $20,000 at one time, are all written in an exceedingly jocular and playful vein. One written by SELMES asks for "Dear Doty" (meaning Mr. DODGHTY, the Cashier of the Guardian Bank) for the sum of $10,000, which he says he will return in a day or two, and which has never yet been paid, and is signed, "Yours, REEVES." He also adds in a postscript that "Doty" may keep the letter as security if he likes.

THE RECEIVER'S REPORT.

Report of the receiver of the Bowling-green Savings Bank to the depositors and other creditors of the bank.

The general ledger of the Bowling-green Savings Bank shows the following assets and liabilities on the date of suspension, 13th November, 1871:

ASSETS		
Bonds and Mortgages		$194,700 34
New-York City street improvement bonds	$25,000	
New-York City Soldiers' Bounty bonds	2,000—	27,000 00
Call loans		238,023 23
Cash		2,236 50
Total		$460,959 57
LIABILITIES		
Due depositors		$374,530 32
Credit of interest account		5,872 91
Total		$380,403 23

From bonds and mortgages deducted as follows, viz.: Interest erroneously charged as principal..... $236 54
Estimated loss on securities converted and converting unmatured bonds and mortgages..... 12,000 00— $12,236 54
From New-York City street improvement bonds, not accounted for by officers of bank..... 25,000 00
From call loans deducted the following: Loans to persons who cannot be found..... $60,023 23
Expenses included in interest account..... 61,010 63
Loans on worthless collaterals and loans without security..... 31,441 67
Loans chiefly without security, viz.: In Wall-st. individuals, Arcade & defs. $48,125 75. Of these it is estimated that this amount is uncollectable..... 7,000 00— 159,475 53
From cash deduct items of cash uncollectable..... 609 42
Total..... $178,570 95
Assets deemed collectable..... $202,832 28
Deduct amount borrowed on hypothecation of securities prior to suspension..... $27,000 00—
Deduct amount claimed for interest revenue tax..... 2,448 40— 29,448 40
Balance..... $174,374 18
Add estimated amount collectable from overdrafts..... 4,222 49
Add estimated value of bank furniture..... 3,000 00
After the suspension the receiver took the bank, for the benefit of depositors, certain real estate in the upper part of the City of New-York, which was represented to have cost $112,000 over the encumbrances thereon. I find that the consideration for this property, as expressed in the deeds, was $109,500, and that the mortgages thereon, when conveyed to the bank, amount to $128,125 00, exclusive of interest. If original cost be realized from this property, the assets will be increased by..... $6,919 10
A just claim exists against the officers of the bank for about this amount, including interest, for moneys drawn and appropriated by them, and charged to "Secretary's account"..... 64,736 75
Total..... $252,252 60

LIABILITIES

Due depositors, exclusive of interest, since July 1, 1871..... $405,797 81
Claim of Guardian Savings Institution for money's lent Bowling-green Savings Bank on its 3 and 4 series 7-3-10 bonds, with interest thereon from Jan. 1, 1871, one year, ($62,125 principal)..... 63,192 75
The moneys borrowed of the Guardian Savings Institution were used by the officers of "Secretary's Account," and as stated, withdrawn for our corporation by the officers for their private purposes, and this account was in addition overdrawn some $2,600.)
Claim for legal services prior to suspension..... 2,000 00
Claims of sundry persons unidentified..... 2,246 75
Total..... $473,237 31
Apparent deficiency if realized as above estimated..... $220,984 71

In the worst possible event I hope to realize forty cents on the dollar. Not if the several items estimated above are collected, and seventy cents of the dollar, less expenses, will be realized for the creditors.

From the assets estimated as good above, I have collected as follows to the February, viz.:

From mortgages.....		$19,571 21
From items included in cash.....		2,236 50
From overdrafts.....		1,312 97
Interest on loans and mortgages.....		1,171 71
Total.....		$24,792 39
Expended by order of Court of Referees to redeem securities which had been hypothecated by officers..... $17,000 00
Paid out for expenses..... 324 39— 17,324 39
Balance on hand 10 February, 1872.....		$7,468 00

I have paid out all the money received, in same form and extent as received, at every seventy-five per cent. All which is respectfully submitted.

S. F. KNAPP,
Receiver of the Bowling-Green Savings Bank of the City of New-York.

The Guardian Savings Bank.

The Guardian Savings Bank was again opened yesterday, from 10 A. M. until 3 P. M. for the payment of small depositors in full. Mr. QUINLAN complains that the depositors come for their money very slowly and show no delay in the winding up of the affairs of the bank. Mr. QUINLAN also states that he received several applications from persons who want to pay in deposits, and also urges upon the creditors the necessity of drawing out their money immediately. Four hundred and fifty depositors called for their money, and the amount of money paid out is $60,000. A further dividend of twenty-five per cent will be paid all depositors whose claims exceed $300 in thirty days' time. The furniture and fixtures will be sold by auction on Saturday the 17th inst.

The Market Savings Bank.

A private meeting of the Depositors' Investigating Committee of the Market Savings Bank was held yesterday in the office of Mr. Dowzer, the Chairman. Mr. DOWZER stated that the meeting was a highly important one, and a thorough investigation of all the affairs of the Bank has been made. Facts have come to light which will have a powerful effect in showing up the criminal transactions of the officials. It is not deemed prudent to publish these facts at present, but action will be taken upon them in a few days.

The income claimed by Mr. DEMING for his few days' service as Receiver is $1,795. Mr. DEMING has obtained judgment for this sum, and since Mr. WORTH's refusal to pay the money, has instituted further proceedings for its payment. Mr. WORTH stated yesterday that on the day of Mr. DEMING holding the office of Receiver, he obstinately kept drawing a large number of papers and documents of the Bank, which might, had they been preserved, have cast much light upon the embezzlements perpetrated.

THE AMERICAN "CASE."

By President T. D. Woolsey, D. D., LL. D.

From the Independent.

The speech of the Queen of Great Britain, delivered on the 6th inst., contains the following words:

"Cases were laid before the arbitrators (at Geneva) on behalf of each party to the treaty. In the case as submitted by the United States large claims are included, which are understood on my part not to be within the province of the arbitrators. On this subject I have caused a friendly communication to be made to the Government of the United States."

The point at issue is a simple one. It is nothing more than this: What was submitted by the two Governments to the arbitrators contemplated in the treaty? Was it certain acts only of certain vessels which had been allowed to go forth from British ports, or had escaped from such ports against the laws of nations, which laws are specifically defined in the treaty; or the indirect results also of such acts? The Governments have no right to withdraw from the treaty, or refuse to abide by the decision of these arbitrators, if that decision shall be confined to points which had been submitted to them. But each one of the Governments has a right to say that the submission of certain points was never thought of by it; and, in an extreme case, if the arbitrators still went on after protest to give a decision, to refuse to abide by that decision. In such an event, the other country would be authorized to take any of those steps which are allowed, in cases where treaties are alleged to be violated, even to the extreme one.

Or, to come to the especial difference of opinion between the two Governments, might not the United States say: "We consent to the English understanding and interpretation; let it rule in regard to the province of the Tribunal at Geneva. But, in consistency with that opinion, we shall regard the results of the proceedings of that board as a full, perfect and final settlement of all the claims (Article XI. of the treaty) that relate to *direct* injuries. But the claims we have made, as it respects *indirect* injuries, are not thereby settled, and we shall reserve them in a more convenient season." The British Government, then, ought to contemplate, if its interpretation is to prevail, the possibility of a batch of new claims, which were beyond the province, as it maintains, of the existing Court of Arbitration.

But what did the High Commission suppose the treaty to mean? and what, by fair interpretation, is its actual meaning? For it rarely happens that, when two parties to a contract differ in their explanations of it, the words of the instrument itself can be made to fit both the meanings which are imputed to it equally well.

First—What did the High Commission suppose the treaty to mean? We find little as yet that is definite to guide us in regard to the impressions of the British members of that body. They are honorable men, and without doubt have given their impressions to their Government. But, since beyond this we can search nothing that can be fully sustained, we may pass over the matter in silence.

What, on the other hand, did the American members hold to be the nature of the claims which the arbitrators were to have brought before them? Here we have the protocol to guide us, and especially number XXXVI. on page 180 of the papers accompanying the message of May 8, 1872. It should be said, by way of explanation, that the High Commission had power to bring those differences to a settlement directly which are now in the hands of the tribunal at Geneva. Before anything had been adjudged, the American Commissioners stated the injuries and losses that had grown out of the course and conduct of Great Britain during the rebellion. These were direct losses, in the capture and destruction of vessels, with their cargoes, and in the heavy national expenditures incurred in pursuing the cruisers of the *Alabama* type; and indirect losses of several kinds, viz.: Transfer of American commerce to the British flag, enhanced payments of insurance, the prolongation of the war, the addition of a large sum to the cost of the war and of the suppression of the rebellion. The direct losses to private persons, up to that time presented, amounted to about $14,000,000, and the expenses of the Government could easily be ascertained. Then it is added that, "in the hope of an amicable settlement, no estimate was made of the indirect losses, without prejudice, however, to the right of indemnification on their account in the event of no such settlement being made." What is intended here by "amicable settlement?" The case prepared by our Government gives an explanation on page 402. The British Commissioners declined to make the "amicable settlement" which was proposed on the part of the United states. The Joint High Commission then entered into negotiations, which resulted in an agreement," constituting a tribunal of arbitration. That is to say, that, while by no means waiving the claim for indirect losses, our commissioners made no estimate of them, in the hope that a payment of a sum in mass—a settlement à *Pattmelle*—should supersede the necessity of entering into a discussion of that description of injuries. But the High Commission took another road toward settlement; and thus there was no obligation in honor, thus far, laid on our Government to make no mention of such indirect losses.

Second—We come to the word of the treaty itself. Did our Government here commit itself to silence in regard to injuries of that description? It may be said that, having on the 5th of April received from the British Government the immense concession of the three rules touching neutral duties, which were to be retroactive also in the question of losses from the *Alabama*, and similar vessels, our Commissioners were now the more willing to lay aside the subject of indirect injuries, which in any case would be perplexing and inapplable of exact solution. Let us look at the words of the treaty which bear on the point. There are few in number, and are to be found in articles 1, 7 and 10.

In article 1, clause 1, differences are spoken of as "growing out of the acts committed by several vessels, which have given rise to the claims generically known as the *Alabama* claims." In the second clause the Queen expresses "regret for the escape" of the *Alabama* and other vessels from British ports, and for the depredations committed by them." In the third clause the parties agree that "all the said claims growing out of acts committed by the aforesaid vessels" shall be submitted to arbitration. It might be said here that inasmuch as the claims grow out of acts, only the acts and nothing consequential upon them, is to be considered. But why might not the claims grow out of certain acts, and yet embrace their resulting injuries? What is there in the expression to "narrow down the claims to injuries resulting from the vessels themselves? Moreover, "the claims generically known as the *Alabama* claims" had, in fact, a certain national meaning. They were claims brought by the United States, and had actually included certain indirect results of the course of Great Britain during the rebellion.

In Article 7 the tribunal at Geneva is, for its office to determine, as to each vessel separately, whether Great Britain had, by any act or omission, failed to fulfill any of the duties set forth in the three rules. If this was found to be the case, the tribunal might, if it thought fit, award a gross sum in gross to be paid to the United States. Then, for it would not be different for the Court of Arbitration to proceed, as the gross sum might include indirect as well as direct damages.

Next, if the said award should not satisfy parties, it should be open to them, as it is, by Article 10, to refer the award, as set forth in Article 10, to a board of assessors, if it should be to ascertain and determine what claims were valid, and what amount of damages should be paid by Great Britain to the United States, on account of the liability arising from her failure to fulfill her duties as a neutral, in the cases of the vessels and such liability, as declared by the arbitrators." When, upon this award, each Board is to proceed to the investigation of the claims presented to them by the United States, to examine and decide upon them on evidence, or information furnished by or on behalf of the two Governments. This is really one to be on behalf of each Government, official or agent, &c.

This article contemplates a Board where each business it is to inquire what amount of damages ought to be paid for each vessel that had been found guilty, so to speak, by the Board of Arbitration. Can we believe that it was contemplated at all, or indeed thinking that this Board could sit down and divide up the indirect damages among four or five or more vessels? There are mentioned in the "case" nine cruisers out of whose acts claims have arisen, apart from the tendency of the *Alabama* and the *Florida*. What gory in the prolongation of the war can be put in simultaneously with the remainder of the list. On examining the ballot it was found that it contained one name less than that on the list. That name was THOMAS J. BARE. The Commissioner of Jurors subsequently furnished it. Witness drew all the Grand Jury panels since October, 1871, but the Commissioner of Jurors was not present on any of these occasions. Each of these panels was drawn in the presence of a Supreme Court Judge presiding in open Court. The Judge invariably examined the list, but did not always examine the drawing. At no time was the wheel more than two or three feet from the Judge when the drawing took place. He derived his authority in this regard from the statute defining the duties of the County Clerk and his deputy. In most cases the ballots contained upon their faces the residences and occupations of jurors. He could not swear that the residence of ABRAHAM J. PRUIN was there stated, but he thought it was.

Mr. GRAHAM here read the twenty-eighth section of the laws of 1870, which took the drawing of the Grand Jury panel out of the hands of the County Clerk and placed it in the hands of the Commissioner of Jurors. The latter was the only one empowered to do it, and he was an indictable offence for any one else to do so.

Mr. GERRY read the names of several of the Grand Jurors who indicted Mr. STOKES, from the original list, where their business occupations and residences were omitted.

DESCORMEROS L. HOLMES testified: The handwriting of the drawing of the Grand Jurors for the December Term, on the 13th of November, 1871, is mine; I was present when the drawing took place at the Clerk's office; I copied this from the original list, given me by Mr. GUMBLEDON; after having made the copy I left the original with Mr. GUMBLEDON; I noted the address and occupations of some jurors who are not mentioned in the original list; I copied it truly, and would have put them down if they were placed before me in my copy; in some cases occupations are mentioned in the list I copied which are not stated in the original, because I presume they were called out to me from the ballot.

The Court then adjourned to 10¾ o'clock this morning.

A BOYS' BATTLE.

The Contests of Rival Towns—Three Hundred Boys Engaged in a Battle—One Side of Ohio Beaten.

From the Wheeling (W. Va.) Register, Feb. 12.

For a week or two past the boys of the rival villages of Bellaire, on the Ohio side of the river, and Benwood, on the West Virginia side, have been engaged in fighting. Whenever a Bellaire boy was found on this side of the river he was unmercifully beaten, and when a Benwood boy was discovered in Bellaire the flogging was repaid with interest. Last Saturday week the boys of the two places met on the ice and engaged in a regular pitched battle, using sticks and clubs. Some of the combatants are now in the Marshall County Jail awaiting trial for riot.

On Saturday last a vast number of boys, about 150 on each side, met on the ice by appointment at a place called Wheeling Island, in a regular battle. Every conceivable missile was used and several of the combatants received cuts in the head and face. The battle raged with fury for about two hours. One boy, a lad about thirteen years old, named FURSON, whose parents live in Bellaire, was cruelly beaten by the Benwood boys. It is thought he will be injured seriously enough to enable him to go home. He suffered terribly through the night, and yesterday morning he died from the effects of his injuries. Now that one has been murdered, and several others have been badly injured, is it not time for the authorities on both sides of the river to prevent any more such disgraceful riots?

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

REPORTS.

Mr. COLE, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Indian Appropriations bill.

Mr. THURMAN, from the Judiciary Committee, reported without amendment the bill to provide for the trial of peremptory challenges in capital cases. Several bills were introduced.

THE INDEMNITY TO ARMS TO SHIPPERS.

Mr. SUMNER announced that he intended to call up his resolution providing for a special committee to investigate the alleged misapplication of arms to the Mexican Government by the United States. Mr. CONKLING said he was very anxious to have the resolution discussed and disposed of. Mr. SUMNER said the resolution would lead to political debate, and appealed to the Senate not to be diverted from the pacific business before it. If the Senator (Mr. SUMNER) had been content to omit his long preambles and confine himself to the resolution of inquiry, it might be passed without debate; but the preamble and resolution must necessarily give rise to a long political debate. Mr. SUMNER said the preamble was mainly documentary. The facts set forth had given rise to grave suspicions, and had already arrested the attention of a foreign Power. Mr. SUMNER objected to Mr. SUMNER discussing the merits of the resolution before it was taken up. Mr. SUMNER said he was not doing so, and the Vice-President decided that he was in order. Mr. SHERMAN objected to taking up the resolution until the Appropriation bill should be disposed of. Mr. CONKLING said it was not for the importance of the resolution that he wished to have it taken up at once, but on account of its peculiar character, which the rules would not permit him properly to describe. He would, however, suppose a case—the introduction of a resolution calling gross and hateful aspersions upon the Senate, and not as this one did upon the American Government and the American name. So he wanted this resolution disposed of because of the imputations and statements accompanying it, groundless he believed them to be. The Vice-President said Mr. CONKLING was discussing the merits of the resolution. Mr. CONKLING said he would withdraw that part of his remarks. [Laughter.] He was determined, however, that Mr. SUMNER should not be allowed to lay one side of this question before the country uncontested by the other; therefore if the Senate take up the resolution it must be prepared for a full discussion. The resolution was taken up and Mr. SUMNER addressed the Senate. The subject, he said, was interesting and important in two aspects, as it concerned ourselves and as it concerned foreign Powers. All must unite in a desire to redeem our country from suspicion, especially suspicion of moral obliquity. He would speak not of men, but of facts; and if anybody should be pointed at by the statement he was about to make, it would be the fault of the facts, and not his. He had brought forward this subject with great reluctance, and after long delay. The main facts had been brought to his knowledge before Christmas, but he had postponed bringing them into the Senate, because he knew they had been laid before the President and Secretary of War, and he had reason to believe that they would institute an inquiry. They had not done so, however, but the Secretary of War had made to the House of Representatives a report upon this subject. The character of that report would appear as he proceeded, and the Senate would judge whether it did not fall under some of the suspicion which attached to the whole transaction. In setting forth the facts, he must introduce two characters upon the scene: Mr. PIERREPONT, late Consul-General of France in New-York, and SAMUEL REMINGTON, of Ilion, N. Y. PLACE had been accused of fraud, and upon his second trial had been convicted mainly upon the testimony of REMINGTON, who was authenticated as a witness in the French courts by a certificate from our Secretary of War.

At the expiration of the morning hour, the Legislative Appropriation bill came up as unfinished business. Mr. TRUMBULL moved to postpone it and continue the discussion of Mr. SUMNER's resolution. Mr. JOHN SHERMAN again appealed to the majority of the Senate not to allow themselves to be driven into a political debate by taking up this resolution. If they did he would not be present. There was no objection to any proper inquiry of the matter, but the Senate ought to object to this attempt to get up a debate in advance upon alleged facts not yet investigated. Mr. WILSON favored an immediate and full investigation of the subject, and did not fear that it would injure the Administration. Mr. MORTON was ready to vote upon the resolution without debate, but he had no power to avoid debate; and, if he had, he would not. Here was a resolution involving the most enormous accusations against members of this Governments, and reaching even to a member of the Cabinet, if not higher. He believed there was nothing in it, that it was a mere blank cartridge; but he knew very well that if the Senate should refuse to consider it now, the refusal would be made the basis for the most infamous calumnies. The Senate had better, therefore, let the cartridge be exploded at once. After some discussion the resolution was then taken up, and Mr. SUMNER resumed: The Senators opposed to this resolution had professed to be afraid of a political discussion, and had proceeded to discuss politics. They were afraid of an attack on the Administration. So they had proceeded to defend it. One of them, fearing an attack on Gen. GRANT, had undertaken to defend him. He (Mr. SUMNER) was not going to make a political speech at this time. He had spoken for the public service with the view of relieving his country from suspicion. He would neither introduce the name of Gen. GRANT nor make any allusion to him. He would leave that for his adversaries. [Laughter.] He was about to consider a practical question, which had become important, not through any action of his, but by events both at home and abroad. He then commented upon the facts set forth in the preamble. When he spoke of the alleged discrepancy between the sum paid by the French Government and the amount received by the United States Government, Mr. MORTON inquired whether he meant to state that our Government sold the arms to REMINGTON, knowing him to be an agent of the French Government. Mr. SUMNER said he had made no such statement. Mr. MORTON—Then you must be understood, unless the Senator means to have it understood that our Government sold the arms directly to the French Government through their known agent. If the French Government purchased of REMINGTON or other private parties, those parties undoubtedly made their profit over and above the price they paid our Government, and therefore the statement of the difference between the amount paid by the French Government and that received by yours, has no importance, unless the Senator means to have it understood that our Government sold the arms directly to the French Government, and then failed to account for two millions of the money received for them. Mr. SUMNER—Have I not stated again and again that I make no allegation? I merely state facts which have given rise to suspicion. Mr. MORTON—I understand the Senator to say that the circumstances he states amount merely to a suspicion. Now I ask to know whether a mere suspicion is sufficient to warrant an elaborate speech in advance of any proof as to the facts on which even the suspicion itself is to be created. Mr. SUMNER—The Senator is trying to drive me into making an allegation against some person, but he shall not do it. I have merely stated facts which even the Senator himself must acknowledge furnish ground for inquiry. The name of the United States must not be permitted to be fly-blown abroad. We cannot be arraigned at the bar of other nations without inquiry and an attempt to relieve ourselves from suspicion. I ask only for inquiry. Mr. SUMNER then discussed at length the obligations of neutrals. Mr. PERLINSUTHEN read the paragraph in the preamble which states that it appears from the communications previously mentioned that one THOMAS RICHARDSON was the known attorney of REMINGTON & Sons, and asked Mr. SUMNER where in those communications that fact appeared. Mr. SUMNER said he understood it was a well-known fact, but he did not know that it appeared in the communications referred to. Mr. PERLINSUTHEN—Then the preamble is erroneous in one of the most important fact stated. Mr. SUMNER—I understand that RICHARDSON was and is the attorney of REMINGTON, and is now acting for him in France. Mr. SUMNER, in conclusion, argued that it was the duty of our Government to have a most careful inquiry as to the pretense to which they held arms, or not to run the risk of violating our obligations as a neutral power. Mr. WILSON, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, said that at the close of the war our Government had millions of dollars worth of arms, ammunition and other war material on hand, which Congress authorized the Secretary of war to sell. The sales commenced in 1866 and continued until 1871. The arms, he said, by the Government from the 1st of April, 1866, to the 30th of June, 1871, amounted to 817,918; of these, only some of which had been tactfully concealed, five and ninety were in the Treasury. As to the alleged sale of arms to the French Government, he was authorized to say that our Government has never sold a dollar's worth to that Government, or to any man whom they knew to be its agent. The Government at the time of the sale of REMINGTON had no knowledge that he was the agent of the French Government, or in any way connected with REMINGTON & SON. As to the suspicions expressed by the French Assembly, it should be remembered that the purchases were made mostly by the Gambetta Government, and that the Government of the French Government was hostile to those men. Mr. HARLAN made a similar statement and said that the Government had no reason to suspect REMINGTON & SON to be acting for the French Government. Mr. CONKLING confirmed the statements of Mr. SUMNER and Mr. WILSON, and said that the arms in question were purchased in the ordinary course of business, and were not withheld from the Government. He then compared the statement of the difference between the amount paid by the French Government and that received by our Government, and said that the total amount received from that source for the last two years, less than $1,000,000, had gone into the Treasury, and had not been used in aid of appropriations. He also commented on the statement of Secretary BOUTELLE, of Maine, made yesterday, in reference to the expenses of the Indian Department. Mr. NIBLACK commended the economy of the Committee on Appropriations. The discussion was continued by Messrs. COCHRANE, BECK, SAMPSON, CONKLING, COX. The latter asserted that the Government for its inception, spirit, as well as for the weakness of the navy, and longed for that old defiance of foreign dictation, which had ennobled the Democratic Administration in the days of WILLIAM L. MARCY. The Committee then proceeded to consider the bill by clause, and pending amendment. 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THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.....ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

NEW BILLS.

Among the bills introduced today were those to reorganize the local Government of the City of New-York. It was prepared for a number of citizens by HENRY L. CLINTON, already noticed in the House; to the better prevention of disease and cruelty; to authorize the descent of real estate to female citizens, notwithstanding their marriage with aliens. Senator ADAMS introduced a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Estimate and Control of Railroads in this State, and to define the powers and duties of said Commissioners. It provides:

First—That Amasa J. Parker, George Geddes, Henry H. Sandoe, Lucius Robinson and Thomas Grecie shall be the first Commissioners. Second—Their duty shall be to protect the interests of the people of the State. Third—They shall have the power to examine the books, papers and accounts of all railroad companies, and to compel the production of the same; power to compel the attendance of witnesses; power to fix the capital, stock and bonded indebtedness of railroad companies, but not beyond the par amount of bonds and actually paid into the treasury of the company and not otherwise; power to fix the rates of travel or freight, to pay interest on certificates of any bonds, stock, coupons, or other evidence of indebtedness, unless the full par value was in good faith paid into the treasury of the company for the same. Fifth—They can, on application of thirteen responsible citizens of the state, reduce the rates of fare and freight, and when carelessly managed may take possession of any road, and operate it at the expense of the same. Provision is made as to the disposal of receipts under such circumstances, and the Commissioners are not to be held responsible for the obligations of a road so managed. Sixth—Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any stock or bonded indebtedness beyond the par value of the amount paid in, not to exceed. All companies now incorporated, or any that may hereafter be incorporated, shall, in the matter of fares, travel or freight, or in any manner or manners, or in any way, be subject to the control of the Commissioners. Seventh—Any stock or bonds on a greater sum than has been actually expended by such company, either in construction or equipment of the road represented. Eighth—The Commissioners may administer oaths, compel the attendance of witnesses and appoint a Secretary and a Clerk. The Commissioners shall report annually to the Legislature, and may appoint a Secretary and Ex-Secretary, Clerk, Ninth—Any person who shall wilfully violate the lawful ordinances of their Commissioners, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, which shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding $500, or by imprisonment in the State Prison for a term not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Tenth—The terms of office of the Commissioners will be determined by lot for one year, three, four and five years. Eleventh—No Commissioner shall be interested in any stock, bond or agreement of any railroad company. Twelfth—Any person who shall be convicted of a misdemeanor, shall be sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the State Prison. Fourteenth—Railroads taken possession of by the Commissioners may be operated by them, or by giving security for the payment of the Commissioners, shall be returned to the Commissioners. Fifteenth—Nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal any other act, or any part thereof, relating to railroads. Sixteenth—Acts in conflict with this bill are repealed. Eighteenth—This act shall take effect immediately.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS.

A resolution was adopted calling on the Comptroller to furnish an estimate of the values of the ground purchased for the Court-house in the Ninth Judicial District. A bill to amend the charter of the National Trust Company of the City of New-York was ordered to a third reading; also, a bill amending the charter of the American Bible Society. The Assembly resolution to adjourn from Friday until a week from Monday was amended so as to carry the adjournment from Wednesday next, and then the resolution, as amended, was lost. After which the Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

Mr. MOSELEY called up his resolution to adjourn from the 16th to the 26th inst. Mr. ROSS moved to amend by making it from the 21st to the 26th. Mr. FLAMMER moved to insert a proviso to the effect that the New-York charter shall first be disposed of. Lost. Mr. ROSS's motion was lost. Mr. MOSELEY's motion was carried. On motion of Mr. ALVORD, as the Agricultural Society is to have the Chamber at 12 M., the special order being the New-York charter, was postponed until to-morrow morning. A large number of reports on local bills was made, when the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. CROCKER, member elect from Massachusetts, appeared and took the oath of office.

SALES OF NAVAL STORES.

Mr. BECK asked leave to offer a resolution calling for information as to the sales of naval stores during the last three years. Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, objected. The bill was afterward adopted.

TEA AND COFFEE.

Mr. FERRIS, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to repeal the existing duties on tea and coffee, and said that it was reported in obedience to the order of the House, but a majority of the Committee were adverse to the passage of the bill, and that he himself was one of that number. He moved the bill without any recommendation, and moved its reference to the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, where members could have the opportunity of expressing their views on it. The bill was so referred.

FARMS.

Mr. TYLER's bill, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, for the construction of and addition to the Post-office building at Hartford, Conn., at a cost not exceeding $200,000, and for the purchase of a site for a Government building at Cincinnati, at a cost not exceeding $200,000.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN QUINCY, ILL.

Mr. HARWELL, from the same Committee, reported a bill for the erection of a Government building in Quincy, Ill., at a cost not exceeding $150,000, the site to be donated by the city. Mr. DAWES appealed to the House to pause before passing this bill. Mr. BOLMAN's motion to lay the bill on the table was negatived, and the bill was over without further action.

ARMY APPROPRIATIONS.

Mr. DRUMMY, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported the Army Appropriation bill for $29,546,000, which was made the special order for Tuesday next.

POST-OFFICE DEFICIENCY.

The Senate amendments to the Post-office Deficiency bill and to the Pension Appropriation bill were taken up and concurred in.

NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the naval appropriations. Mr. BANKS paid a high compliment to the Secretary of the Navy, and expressed his belief that that official would re-establish the navy in the affections of the American people. He condemned the system of bureaucracy and favoritism which had until recently prevailed in the Department, and read a letter from the commander of the Kearsarge, saying that he had ceased to expect any attention to be paid to any request of his, and chiefly because those who had controlled affairs there could not forget that he had sunk the *Alabama*. The present Secretary of the Navy, however, was fast breaking up that bureau system. Mr. SCHENCK replied to the Statistics and charges made by Mr. BANKS, and said that the sums for the last two years, less than $1,000,000, had gone into the Treasury, and had not been used in aid of appropriations. He also commended the economy of the Committee on Appropriations. The discussion was continued by Messrs. COCHRANE, BECK, SAMPSON, CONKLING and COX. The latter asserted that the Government for its inception, spirit, as well as for the weakness of the navy, and longed for that old defiance of foreign dictation, which had ennobled the Democratic Administration in the days of WILLIAM L. MARCY. The Committee then proceeded to consider the bill by clause and pending amendment. Mr. HIBBARD moved an amendment providing against the employment of laborers in the navy-yards for political motives, and against their being subjected to political influences. Messrs. BARRS and HALE opposed this assertion in unmeaning terms. Mr. HOOPER said it was necessary in the New-England navy-yards; it was certainly necessary in Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Navy-yard was run by political influence, and if the House would give him a committee of investigation he would agree to prove it. He would prove that the Secretary of the Navy had used the patronage of his office in himself against his (Mr. SLOCUM's) re-election to Congress, and that gangs of laborers were put on the pay-rolls who did not do a day's work in the Navy-yard, simply for political purposes. Mr. BARRS said it was not necessary to approve everything done in the Brooklyn Navy-yard, but he could see no necessity for this amendment in regard to the Massachusetts navy-yards. Mr. BUTLER, of Massachusetts, moved as a substitute for Mr. HIBBARD's amendment, a provision that mechanics and laboring men at the navy-yards, shall be selected by the heads of the various mechanical departments of the yard, without the interference of any naval officer. The substitute was adopted. Mr. COX then moved to amend the substitute by inserting Mr. HIBBARD's amendment slightly modified, which was agreed to. The Committee rose, and the Speaker laid before the House a message from the Senate requesting to be furnished with the testimony taken before a committee of the House on the impeachment of ANDREW JOHNSON, and a resolution was adopted directing the Clerk to furnish such testimony for the use of the Senate. The House then, at 4:20 P. M., adjourned.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The following is the day calendar for Feb. 15, of the Court of Appeals: 55, 56, 103, 51, 4, 121, 122 and 124.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

No. 146—Mosley vs. Hoffman.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Van Brunt, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos. 1062—Van Hise vs. O'Brien. 1441½ (L. C.)—Patterson vs. The Mayor, &c., of New-York. 68—White vs. Wagner. 836—Smith vs. O'Brien, Sheriff. 949—Connolly vs. Vermont Copper Mining Co. 1005—Lloyd et al. vs. O'Brien, Sheriff. 1046—Tracy,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Unhealthy Dwellings—Fatal Influences of Overcrowding—Evidence of Sanitary Neglect—Condemning Nuisances.

The Board of Health met yesterday, with President Bosworth in the Chair. A special report was made by Dr. MORRAU MORRIS, City Sanitary Inspector, upon the five cases said fatal deaths from alleged carbon-spread meningitis, or enteric fever, which occurred in one week in the family of a Mr. BROWN, living at No. 440 Eleventh-avenue. Dr. Morris described the sewer, the house of the deceased, in detail, and minutely described the defective sewerage of the premises. Dr. MORRIS said:

In connection with these cases I may be allowed to add that experience in the observation of house drainage and sewerage, has convinced me, and I believe as well as the corps of Health Inspectors, that in these carbon cases may be attributed by far the larger proportion of cases of typhoid and other fevers of a malignant and asthenic character, and that contagious diseases here find their most active factors. House drainage, tight-jointed pipes, efficient traps in waste and sewer pipes, with a free outlet for gases by a continuous open pipe, and a free current of air through the rooms of houses, carefully provided in all dwellings and other buildings where human life is exposed, would unquestionably prevent much sickness, suffering and costly care, often accompanied by superhuman and inexplicable causes.

Another special report was made by Dr. MORRIS on the condition of the Tabernacle tenement, Nos. 7 and 9 Mulberry-street, in which he states that since the last report the house has undergone thorough repair and is now in good order. Dr. Morris declares the ventilation of the house to be excellent, and recommended that a permit be granted to reoccupy the house, provided that no more than twenty families be allowed, and the Board entered an order to that effect.

The premises No. 10 York-street, front and rear, were reported to be in a condition so exceedingly filthy as to be dangerous to health, and that two cases of spotted fever had occurred. The Board ordered the premises to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. The reports of the officers of the Board show that the vaccinating corps have visited 31,093 families and performed 10,856 vaccinations, of which 664 were primary and 9,892 secondary. The following is a comparative statement of contagious diseases reported for the two weeks ending Feb. 3 and 10, 1872:

Feb. 3—Typhus fever, 5; typhoid fever, 7; scarlet fever, 65; measles, 10; diphtheria, 17; small-pox, 72.

Feb. 10—Typhoid fever, 7; scarlet fever, 74; measles, 22; diphtheria, 16; small-pox, 10.

Dr. CHARLES F. RUSSEL, Registrar of Records, reports as follows: During the past week there were registered 464 deaths, being an increase of 10 upon the previous week, and 84 more than for the corresponding week of 1871. Zymotic diseases produced 160 deaths; constitutional, 132; local, 122; developmental, 34, and violent causes, 16. The fatal cases of small-pox increased from 26 to 32, the highest number registered in one week since the disease, including April 15, last. Measles caused 11 deaths, an increase of 9, and diarrheal affections 35, an increase of 10. The mortality of scarlatina declined from 25 to 22; of diphtheria and croup together from 22 to 20; of whooping-cough from 26 to 22; of typhoid fever from 3 to 1, and of typoid fever from 7 to 5. One death was attributed to spotted fever. Remittent fever occasioned 5 deaths, the same number as in the preceding week; 77 deaths were due to phthisis pulmonalis, and 21 to the local respiratory complaints, being a decrease of 10 and 8 respectively.

THE BOARD OF AUDIT.

The Accounts Passed at the Meeting of the Board Yesterday—Bills Laid Over—A Protest Against Paying the Superintendent of Incumbrances.

The Board of Audit and Apportionment met at 3 o'clock P. M. yesterday. Present, Controller GREEN, Commissioner VAN NORT and Mr. H. G. STEBBINS. The following pay-rolls were received and laid over:

Attendants at the Court of General Sessions quarter ending Dec. 31, 1871	$16,722 20
Officers of the Supreme Court, same quarter	5,637 02
Officers of the Court of Common Pleas	4,684 83
Officers and clerks of the Marine Court	14,923 46
A. Oakey Hall, salary as Mayor for four months ending December, 1871	1,666 66
Clerks, interpreter and stenographer, Court of General Sessions, quarter ending Dec. 31	4,290 00
County Clerk's office for three months ending Dec. 31, 1871	10,829 42
Pay-roll Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments, same period	10,406 23
Repairing and preserving records in County Clerk's office, September, 1871	1,276 97
City Judge's office, September to December	1,000 00
Bureau of Elections, same period	7,000 00
Surrogate's office, same period	20,216 62
Clerks of Board of Supervisors, same period	5,000 00
Clerks of the Supreme Court, quarter ending Dec. 31	6,285 00
Bureau of County officers, same time	6,981 49
Jas. B. Sheridan, stenographer, September to December	833 33
John J. Cummins, same time	833 33
J. L. Blondell, same time	833 33
J. H. Powell, same time	833 33
Robert Maclaine, same time	833 33
C. B. Collar, same time	833 33
Robert Bonynge, same time	833 33
A. F. Warburton, same time	833 33
Physician to County Jail, same time	125 00
Thomas Canary, sprinkling streets, from June 1 to Oct. 31	15,000 00
Thomas A. Davis, rent of offices of the Recorder at No. 317 Broadway, from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31	1,500 00
Interest	1,283 00
Thomas Comm, services rendered the Committee of Aldermen, Board of Aldermen	1,000 00
Patrick Lynchet, services rendered Commissioners Sinking Fund, 1871	1,000 00
Insurance and Real Estate Journal—publishing proceedings of Common Council, Jan. 2, April 1, May 6, 1871	406 40
New-York School Journal—copies of the calendars Supreme Court	220 00
Department of Public Charities and Correction, for various purposes	19,616 48
Also, for work performed and for labor	62,055 45

A resolution was adopted to pay the following bills, (pay-rolls of Bureau of Sewers:)

James Reilly	$108 00
Thomas Brady	104 00
Norman McLeod	104 00
John A. Seip	104 00
Robert Hall	104 00
James Reilly	104 00
John Mahon	104 00

A resolution was adopted to pay the following bills:

Clerks of the various Courts, &c., for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1871: Superior Court	$9,000 00
Common Pleas	16,600 00
Special Sessions	1,000 00
District Attorney's office	15,675 00
Janitors, cleaners, &c., New County Court-house	8,687 00
Board of Supervisors	3,000 00
Legal advisers to the Board of Supervisors	250 00
Total	$55,212 00

The sum of $6,241 48 was also ordered for the payment of sewer pay-rolls, Bureau of Public Markets for four months ending December, 1871. Also, the salaries of the Commissioners and clerks of the Fire Department for December, $6,941 94. The claim of MIDDLETON BELL, amounting to $7,050, for furnishing carts to remove night-soil. The following claims were also allowed: Pay-rolls of the engineers and draughtsmen of the Department of Public Works and engaged on the storage reservoir, from August to December, amounting to $8,287 43. A protest was received objecting to the payment of Mr. CLANCY, Superintendent of Incumbrances.

Overcharges in Warehouse Stores—Verdicts Against the Storekeepers.

In the case of BEACH against GARDNER, tried before Justice QUINN, in the First District Court, yesterday, the much discussed question of overcharges by warehousemen came up for adjudication. It appeared that seventeen crates of crockery belonging to plaintiff were sent by the ship officers to the store of the defendant, JOHN W. GARDNER, where they remained two days. When sent for by plaintiff a demand was made for $72, charges for "cartage, storage and labor," including $11 for insurance and commissions. The amount was paid, as it is claimed, under protest, and the present suit brought to recover back the overcharge. Two questions arose in the case; the one as to whether an overcharge had been made, and the other as to whether the amount had been paid voluntarily or under protest.

Justice QUINN decided both questions in favor of plaintiff, and gave him judgment for $44.

A somewhat similar case to the foregoing was also tried in the same Court, between ROBERT as plaintiff, and GRAY, as defendant. Plaintiff had some glassware on board the ship *Johanna Kepler*, the consignees of which advertised that the goods would be delivered from the vessel after 5 P. M. At 5:04, while plaintiff's teamster was going to the ship, the news came to him of the arrival of the goods at the store of the defendant, on which plaintiff paid $27 charges. Plaintiff now sued the Captain of the vessel to recover this sum, and Justice QUINN rendered judgment in his favor.

In both cases it was argued on behalf of plaintiffs, on the testimony presented, that there was some understanding between the officers of vessels and the warehousemen, which worked to the peculiar injury of importers.

Condition of Rev. William H. Alger.

From the Boston Journal, Feb. 12.

Medical attendants of Rev. Mr. ALGER, at the Somerville Insane Asylum, pronounce him both physically and mentally well. His insanity has never been of a violent nature, tending more to delusions and visionary schemes, and the one standout of the voyage left him in a state of hypnotic sleep, from which he could not be aroused within and without the grounds, and his wife visits him at regular intervals. The only treatment now assigned for his detention is that his mind needs time to recover the strength necessary for study, or even the strain which would be put upon it by the constant repetition of well-meant friendly questions. It is quite probable that as soon as the weather becomes more settled, he will take a trip to different parts of this country, in the hope that a succession of novelties will refresh and invigorate his always active mental faculties.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

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THIRD BOARD.

$10,000 U. S. 6s, '81, B.	110¾	20 Brooklyn Ex. Pet.	94
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	110¾	20 Cent. Nat. Bank	108
1,000 do. coupon	111	5 Fifth Nat. Bank	200
4,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	111¼	5 Merchants' Ex.	78
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111¼	5 Knickerbocker Fire	130
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67	111¼	20 Rich. & Dan. Com.	19¾
25,000 U. S. 5-20 B., '65	111¼	20 Cent. Pac.	110
5,000 Tenn. 6s, o. s.	65¾	100 do.	33¾
1,000 Va. 6s, con.	57¾	100 do.	33¾
10,000 do. do.	57¾	200 West. Uni. Tel.	71
10,000 Mo. 6s, new	84	100 do. b3.	71
10,000 do. int. on.	84	100 do.	71
1,000 Virginia 7s	54¾	100 Cumberland Pref.	32¾
1,000 Canada 6s	103	100 do. b60.	32¾
3,000 Erie 2d M.	90	1100 Pac. M. S. S. Co. b. o.	83¾
3,000 Hud. 2d S.F.	96	100 do.	83¾
3,000 Cen. Pac. G.	92¾	50 Am. M. U. Exp.	64¾
10,000 Ill. Cen. 7s	95	20 United States Ex.	87
20,000 U. Pac. 1st G.	91¾	50 Reading Railroad	44
1,000 do. coupons	91¾	100 L. S. & M. S. R'ys.	91¾
2,000 U. Pac. L. G.	91¾	100 L. S. & M. S. b. o.	91¾
1,000 A. & T. H. 2d Pf.	86¾	200 Union Pacific	24¾
10,000 Tol. & Wab. 1st	87	100 do.	24¾
3,000 Tol. & Wab. 1st	87	100 do. b. s.	24¾
1,000 do.	87	100 do. b. o.	24¾
1,000 Gal. & Chi. 1st	104¾	200 C. & N. W. b. o.	74¾
1,000 C. & R. I. & P. 7s	103¾	200 Chi. & N. W. Pref.	86
1,000 Dut. & Em. 1st	68	100 C. & P. guar. b3.	86
1,000 Pac. 7s, guar. by Sta. of Mo.	80¾	100 Chic. & Alton	86¾
4,000 C. & N. W. 1st	89	25 St. L. & Iron M.	73¾
4,000 do. 1st B. Bonds	84	200 do.	74¾
7,000 Mil. & St. P. 1st	94¾	100 do.	74¾
3,000 C. & R. I. 1st	91¾	100 Marie & Essex	22
1,000 L. H. & F. Ex. 6s	81	40 Mar. & Cin. 1st Pf.	32
20,000 W. U. Tel. 7s 1st	80¾	100 H. & St. Jo.	46
3,000 C. F. & M. 1st	83	100 do.	46¾
4,000 C., C. & I. C. 7s	77¾	100 do. b10.	46
3,000 do.	77¾	100 do.	46¾

SECOND BOARD.

$140,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C.	108¾	2,000 E., H. & E. 1st	41¾
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65	110¾	1,000 C. & N. W. 1st	86¾
2,500 do.	110¾	10 Am. Ex. Bank	114
1,500 U. S. 5-20 C., '65, called bonds	111	100 Com. Coal of Md.	22¾
24 series	111¾	100 do.	22¾
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '66	111¾	100 Quick. Pf. Pet. o.	31¾
5,000 do.	111¾	200 West. U. Tel. b. c.	71
10,000 do.	111¾	100 Mich. Pf.	23¾
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67, B.	111¾	100 do.	23¾
5,000 do.	111¾	100 do.	23¾
60,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67, C.	111¾	100 Pac. M. S. S. Co.	83¾
5,000 do.	111¾	100 do.	83¾
20,000 do.	111¾	20000 N. Y. C. & H. Con.	92
4,000 do.	111¾	b60. call.	92¾
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68	111¾	100 Erie	24¾
1,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '68	111¾	100 do. b60. call.	24¾
5,000 Tenn. 6s, new	65¾	1 Mich. Cen.	91
1,000 N. Car. 6s, old	25	200 L. S. & M. S. b. o.	91¾
2,000 Virginia 6s	54¾	100 do.	91¾
5,000 Tol. & Wab. 1st	87	200 do.	91¾
1,000 C., C. & I. C. 7s	77¾	100 do.	91¾
1,000 do.	77¾	100 do.	91¾

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14—P. M.

In the Gold Room today there was a good trade business at 110¼@110⅝@110⅜@110¾ ⅌ cent., and a fair amount of speculative transactions. The market left off firm, but without decided buoyancy, at 110¼@110¾ ⅌ cent. An advance of ¼@½ ⅌ cent. in Exchange today, and the ease and cheapness with which Gold balances are carried over, (3@5 ⅌ cent. per annum,) tend to keep Gold firm. For Bills on London, 60 days', the leading drawers advanced their rate to 109¾ ⅌ cent., and short-sight, 110@110¼ ⅌ cent., based on the improved demand at the close of the Wednesday's mail.

Money works steadily at 7 ⅌ cent. as the rule at Bank, and 6@7 ⅌ cent. in Wall-street from outside lenders. The Canada Bank Agencies were lending today at 6 ⅌ cent.

The Public Funds were further strengthened by the Cable quotations from London and the rise in Exchange here. The 6 ⅌ cents 5-20s of 1867 were 111¾@111¾; the 5 ⅌ cents, New, 108¾, and the 5 ⅌ cents 10-40s, 111¼ ⅌ cent.

The Stock market on the Railway and Miscellaneous Shares was better than yesterday or the day before on nearly the entire list by ½@1 ⅌ cent., and the speculation early in the day gave promise of more activity and improving prices. Lake Shore among the Western Railroads, and Western Telegraph among the Miscellaneous Stocks were best supported, while there was a rise of ½@1 ⅌ cent. in New-York Central, and a further recovery of 2 ⅌ cent. in Harlem. The Shares of the Iron Mountain Road rapidly advanced to 75 ⅌ cent. The Share Capital is $10,000,000, or 100,000 Shares, and the Stock has been brought up from 30@40 to 60@70@75 ⅌ cent. on the Exchange, quite unexpectedly to the public, and with much skill and confidence, by the New-York Bankers of the Road and their immediate friends. In the Southern State Bonds the further reaction against South Carolinas was 1@1½ ⅌ cent. The advance in Virginias was sustained, and Tennessees closed steady. In the Pacific Mortgages, Centrals were firm and rose to 102½ ⅌ cent.; the Unions steady at 91½ ⅌ cent.

After the Second Board the dealings in the Hall of the Exchange were feverish and generally lower on the Railroads and firm on the Public Funds. In the unfortunate affair of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Road, the Governing Committee of the Exchange, we understand, (unofficially,) have concluded that they are entitled to thirty days' notice before the capital can be increased from $1,000 to $1,000 Common Shares and the new Stock be made a good delivery, and that the Tenth National Bank cannot be recognized as the Registrar of the Stock until the Exchange is satisfied that any National Bank has authority under the National Banking laws to act as Registrar and to bind the Stockholders to the responsibilities of such a duty. The old recognized Stock sold as high as 47½, and as low as 42½ ⅌ cent. today.

CLOSING PRICES—FEB. 14.

	Tuesday.	Wednesday.
United States New 5s	108¾	108¾
U. S. 5-20s, '65, May and Nov.	111¼	111¼
U. S. 5-20s, '67, Jan. and July	111¼	111¼
American Gold	110¾	110¾
Bills on London, 60 days	109¾	109¾
N. Y. Central and Hudson	97¾	97¾
N. Y. C. and Hudson Debt Ctfs.	93¾	93
Reading	112¾	112¾
Chicago and Rock Island	111¼	111¼
North-west Common	74¾	74¾
North-west Preferred	90¾	90¾
Pacific Mail	58¾	57¾
St. Paul Preferred	76¾	76¾
St. Paul Common	55¾	55¾
Ohio and Mississippi	44¾	44¾
Toledo and Wabash	76¾	76¾
Western Telegraph	70¾	70¾
Erie	31¾	31¾
Union Pacific	24¾	24¾
Lake Shore	90¾	90¾
Lake Shore Scrip	88	87¾

At the very close of the Hall of the Exchange the Railroad speculation was feverish.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 14, 1872.

Gold receipts	$1,150,221 45
Gold payments	$14,141 35
Gold balance	112,117,094 00
Currency receipts	$56,000 00
Currency payments	321,726 86
Currency balance	[illegible]
Coupons	$31,000 00

The following are the last prices of the various Public Funds of the United States:

6's of 1867, reg.	111¾@	6's of 1867, coup.	111¾@
6's of 1867, coup. '65	111¾@	6's of 1862, coup. '62	111¾@
6's of 1862, reg. '62	110¾@	6's of 1862, coup. '62	111¾@
6's of 1862, coup. '62	111	6's of 1864, reg.	110
5's of 1862, reg.	109	6's of 1864, coup.	110
5's of 1862, coup.	109	10-40s, reg.	111¾@
5's of 1864, reg.	111¾@	10-40s, coup.	111
5's of 1864, coup.	111¾@	6's of 1865, reg.	111¾@
5's of 1865, reg.	111¾@	6's of 1865, coup.	111¾@
5's of 1865, coup.	111¾@	6's of 1867, reg.	111¾@
5's of 1867, reg.	111¾@	6's of 1867, coup.	111¾@
5's of 1867, coup.	111¾@	6's Currency	110¾@
5's of 1871, reg.	109¾@		
5's of 1871, coup.	109¾@		

The following bids were made at the Exchange Board today for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, '72	94¾	Ch. West. 6s, '89	87
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '76	98	Quin. & Tol. 1st, '90	97
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. E.	98	Ill. & Mo. Pacific 1st	90
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub.	91	Gal. & Chi. Ex.	104¾
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '83	103	Gal. & Chi. 2d	[illegible]
Erie 1st, Extended	103¾	Chi. R. I. & Pac.	102¾
Erie 2d 7s, '91	97	Mor. & Ess. 1st	109
Erie 6d 7s, '70	93¾	Mor. & Ess. M.	90
		Cleve. & Tol. S. F.	100

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—FLOUR dull and weaker for good spring. Receipts flour and wheat equal to a week ago. WHEAT weaker and 1@1c lower; No. 2 Spring, 91c@$1 01 for cash, $1 01@$1 02 for March, $1 02@$1 03 for April, $1 05@$1 06 for May, $1 07@$1 08 for June, and $1 10@$1 11 for July. CORN heavier and 1c lower; No. 2 Mixed, 40c for May, OATS quiet and lower; No. 2, 32¾@33c for May, RYE dull and lower, $1 02 for May. BARLEY quiet and 2@3c lower; No. 2 Fall, $1 45@$1 46 for May. PORK nominally $12. LARD nominally 8¾@9c. BULK MEATS dull and lower; shoulders, 6¾@6¾c; Short Ribs, 8¾@8¾c. BACON active; Shoulders, 6¾c; Sides, 7¾c. HAMS steady at 11@11¾c. LIVE HOGS firm and in good demand at 4¾@5¼c. WHISKY steady at 87c.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 14.—FLOUR quiet and unchanged. WHEAT—Demand light; holders firm; No. 1, $1 26¾; No. 2, $1 24¾. OATS dull and drooping; No. 2, 32c. CORN steady; No. 2 Mixed, 41¾c. RYE in fair demand and advanced; No. 2, 71¼c. BARLEY firm and scarce; No. 2 Fall, 86c. LIVE HOGS firm and scarce at $4 20@$4 35. PORK dull and nominally $12 25. LARD—3,000 pounds Wheat Smokeries, 9c. Flour.

TOLEDO, Feb. 14.—FLOUR quiet and unchanged. WHEAT quiet and unchanged; No. 2 White Michigan, $1 46@$1 47; Amber Michigan, $1 50¼. OATS dull and unchanged; No. 2, 42c; Rejected, 39c. Receipts—Flour, 1,000 barrels. Dressed Hogs steady at $5 20. Shipments—29,000 bushels Corn, 1,000 bushels Oats. Shipments—2,000 bushels Wheat, 17,000 bushels Corn, 2,000 bushels Oats.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 14.—SHIPMENTS by rail—10,000 bushels Barley. FLOUR quiet and unchanged. WHEAT, RYE and OATS neglected. CORN dull; sales, 2 cars No. 2 at 80c. BARLEY inactive and steady. PORK and LARD quiet and unchanged. SHEDS dull at $3 00 for Timothy. HIDES—Wet Salted, 7¾c.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 14.—WHEAT very dull; Red-winter, 90c; Spring, 87c. CORN held 70c@71c for Western Mixed; 72c for Western Yellow. BARLEY steady. OATS in good supply and dull at 39c@40c for all kinds.

DETROIT, Feb. 14.—WHEAT steady; Extra, $1 41; No. 1 White, $1 40¼. CORN dull and lower; Yellow, 42c. OATS dull and lower; White, 40c. CLOVER-SEED $9 50.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 14.—WHEAT in good demand and firmer; No. 1 Winter Red, $1 37; No. 2 Winter Red held $1 40. CORN quiet at 38c. OATS steady at 43c. PETROLEUM quiet and unchanged.

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—COTTON dull and depressed; middling, 12¼c; net receipts, 2,[illegible] bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,[illegible] bales; to the Continent, 1,[illegible] bales; stock, 2[illegible],[illegible] bales.

GALVESTON, Feb. 14.—COTTON dull and nominal; good Ordinary, 10¾c; net receipts, [illegible] bales; exports, to the Continent, 2,114 bales; coastwise, 1,711 bales; stock, [illegible] bales.

MOBILE, Feb. 14.—COTTON dull and depressed; Middling, 12¼c; net receipts, 778 bales; exports, coastwise, 1,[illegible] bales; sales, 200 bales; stock, [illegible] bales.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 14.—COTTON quiet; Middling, 12¼c; net receipts, [illegible] bales; exports, coastwise, 1,[illegible] bales; sales, 20 bales; stock, [illegible] bales.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 14.—COTTON quiet but firm; Middling, 12¼c; net receipts, [illegible] bales; exports, coastwise, 87 bales; sales, [illegible] bales; stock, [illegible] bales.

The Excise Commissioners on the Sunday Liquor Traffic.

A communication was received, yesterday, by the Board of Police, from the Excise Commissioners, in which it appears that these officials are of last aware that the Excise law which is in their charge is a dead letter. They call the attention of the Board of Police to the fact that the Sunday provision of the law is habitually violated in a great number of cases, to which the Police Board should bring another question, demanding to have pointed out to them the provision of law which is violated. The complaint of the Excise Commissioners is not that liquor is sold on Sunday, but that the saloons are kept open on Sunday; to which the Police answer that, while the law prohibits the selling or giving away of liquor on that day, it says nothing whatever about the saloons being kept closed. The correspondence being opened at this moment is considered as a sheep bid by the Excise Commissioners for the favor of the Reform Legislature.

Selling Washed Stamps.

F. A. GOODALL, who was arrested for selling washed stamps, was brought before Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday, for examination. HENRY SEE, real estate agent, of No. 168 West Forty-sixth-street, testified that the defendant came to his office on the 10th of January, and said he had a number of stamps which he had taken for a debt, and would sell at twenty per cent. discount, as he wanted to get rid of them. He said several stamps of the face value of $25 for which $21 60 was given. After this, he called several times, offering to sell more, and said he would take twenty-five per cent. off sooner than not sell. Meantime, witness had had the stamps examined, and found they were washed. He caused the arrest of the defendant the next time he called. The case was adjourned till Monday.

The Jennel Forgery Suit.

Further testimony was taken in the Jennel case, yesterday, in relation to the early life of the witness JOSEPH F. PRATT. THOMAS DAUFORTH, J. FURNAS, Mrs. N. PRATT, and other witnesses, from Boston and Roxbury, were examined on this point. The substance of their testimony was that a man named Joseph F. PERRY lived in Vernon-street, Roxbury, the latter part of 1870, and moved away that Fall, and did not live in Providence at the time he says he did. This is the fourth week this case has continued, and it will probably last one or twelve days longer. A great deal of the time has been occupied in discussions on law points, and the admissibility of evidence. A large number of witnesses for the defense still remain to be examined.

The Police Board's Decisions.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner HERMAN, in the case of THOMAS BELL, who died at Bellevue Hospital. The evidence disclosed that deceased quarreled at the distillery No. 417 Front-street, with Bryan McGloin, on Saturday night, with a dog, and that McGLOIN struck him in the face, knocking him down, and then kicked him about the head and body. A verdict was rendered of death from injuries received from McGLOIN, who was then committed to await the action of the Grand Jury.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1872.

The receipts of the cities of Boston and Philadelphia, since our last have been as follows:

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FRIGHTS—The ship's business in the line of cotton has been essentially light. Many vessels have offered rather sparingly, and owners have been firmly adhering to their full rates, while others have been willing to pay the asking figures with freely. The cotton movement has impeded to some extent by the Grain vessels now in port, and the demand for Grain vessels has restricted. For vessels for cotton, some fair offers have been reported. For Liverpool, 7-16d. was paid for a small steamer, and 7-32d. for a fast one; 7-16d. was also paid for a small vessel to Havre; 60 pts. Provisions as low as 40 pts. was paid for a small vessel to Bremen; 7,000 bushels Corn, for Cork and Queenstown, 7¾c. was paid

The New York Times.

NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 1872.

Amusements This Evening.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—RAMPA. (English Opera.)—Mr Charles Sansley.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—THE VETERAN—Mr. Lester Wallack and Miss Ella German.

ST. JAMES' THEATRE.—MARRIAGE—Mr. Mackaye and Miss Griswold.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—JULIUS CÆSAR—Mr. Edwin Booth.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—DIVORCE—Characters by company.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—ATHLETIC, GYMNASTIC and ACROBATIC FEATS. Matinée at 2 o'clock.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY—Mr. G. L. Fox and Kiraly Troupe.

BIBLO'S GARDEN.—THE BLACK CROOK—Miss Kate Sansley.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AND CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and Evening.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.—EQUESTRIAN, GYMNASTIC AND ATHLETIC FEATS.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—NEGRO MINSTRELSY—FARCES.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—BALL OF THE LIEDERKRANZ SOCIETY.

SIXTEENTH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.—CONCERT by the Hutchinson family.

COOPER INSTITUTE.—DR. COLTON'S EXHIBITION OF LAUGHING GAS.

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The SEMI-WEEKLY, ten copies (one free, (an extra copy to getter-up of club) 25
The WEEKLY TIMES, per annum 2
The WEEKLY TIMES, five copies, one year 8
The WEEKLY TIMES, ten copies, one year, (an extra copy to getter-up of club) 15
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The tone of the latest discussion of the *Alabama* difficulty, both in England and in this country, gives some reason to hope that the misunderstanding which has arisen may be so managed as not to destroy the treaty. The people of both countries are much more sensible and moderate than some of their assumed leaders. They would like to see the present differences settled honorably and peaceably. That is their main idea—and under these circumstances it would be a great pity and a great shame if so good a treaty should be lost, unless from absolute necessity. With good temper and good sense preserved, that necessity may surely be avoided. President WOOLSEY, of Yale, in an article printed elsewhere, suggests one way out of the difficulty—that the arbitration be allowed to go on with reference to the claims for direct damages, concerning the propriety of whose introduction there is no dispute, leaving the indirect claims for future consideration. His suggestion meets with a formidable objection in the fact that the British Government regarded the permanent exclusion of claims for indirect damages as one of the principal inducements for the treaty. We are inclined to believe that our Government will do well to consider the concluding sentences of President WOOLSEY's article, as expressing what the best minds of the country, and probably the majority of the people, feel. These words are: "For our part we hope that an end is to come to these claims now. If not, an end is likely to come to the faith in international arbitration, which has gladdened the hearts of so many."

Mr. HUBBARD, the Democratic candidate for Governor in Connecticut, is preaching a new gospel to his party. In his letter accepting the nomination, after illustrating the evils of modern politics, with pointed allusions to prominent Democrats in this City, not sparing the Senator from the Fourth and the Erie Judges, he proposes as a remedy "a league of good men against every form of corruption." We shall be glad to see that league formed, and to see Mr. HUBBARD join it, though it would interfere sadly with his prospects as the candidate of the corrupt politicians who last year tried to elect their Governor by the facties and money of TWEED, and in direct conspiracy with him. Meantime, the Connecticut people will have to choose between parties as they are, and they are not likely to be cheated into accepting the Democracy as trustworthy reformers, even though that party appear in the "stolen clothes" of Republicans.

A statement, taken from official records, of the alleged defalcations of Justice FOWLER, while acting as Assistant Surrogate, will be found in another column. According to the report of Ex-Surrogate TUCKER, FOWLER stole from funds belonging to widows and orphans, sums amounting in the whole to $[illegible]. The matter was brought under the notice of A. OAKEY HALL, then District-Attorney, who made the astounding discovery that "our statutes would not afford any punishment for Mr. FOWLER's acts of appropriation." The money has never been recovered, either from FOWLER or his bondsmen, and as our statutes are being rather more correctly interpreted than when HALL was District-Attorney, it is to be hoped that the defaulting Assistant Surrogate will not be allowed to escape. Justice FOWLER has not forgotten to file his claim of $4,188 32 against the City. Now that TWEED and HALL can no longer screen their fellow-in paths of financial crookedness, it is a pity that the County should be permitted to let FOWLER's little "rake" pass a bad debt.

The New Move Against Gen. Grant.

Mr. SUMNER yesterday brought up his resolution of investigation into the sale of arms by the United States Government. He was met in the promptest manner by Mr. CONKLING, who urged the Senate to delay not a moment in meeting insinuations of so grave a nature. In the debate which followed, Mr. SUMNER was pointedly asked what evidence there was to sustain his assertion that the Government sold the arms to a "known agent" of France, and he was obliged to take shelter behind that convenient shield of scandal-mongers, "general report." Now, plainly, this allegation is the most important one in Mr. SUMNER's preamble. If it be true, our Government has committed the gravest possible offense. It had unquestioned right to sell arms to anybody who chose to buy on his own account, proposing to take the risks of shipping them as goods contraband of war to their destination; but to sell arms to a "known agent" of a belligerent would be an act contrary to the spirit of all neutrality, and, in certain cases, a legitimate *casus belli*. Even if this accusation were true, it would be assuming an enormous responsibility to bring it forward at this delicate juncture in our foreign affairs. We do not believe it has the shadow of truth in it, and if it has not, what can be thought of a Senator who chooses this moment to bring it to the attention of the world? No more injurious and wanton assault on the good name and enduring interests of our country can be conceived.

That the Democrats should rejoice in this new move of "Anti-Grant Republicans" is perhaps not surprising, although it is a little disgusting to find even them so anxious to put their country wrong before the world. They have chosen the moment of an awkward controversy with England to come out and proclaim to foreign nations that the United States have been guilty of a much grosser breach of faith than anybody charges England with committing during our war of the rebellion. They say, "We ask heavy damages of England, but we have been guilty of far worse acts ourselves. Let Germany send in a claim for damages to us, founded on our 'case' against England, and where shall we be?" That we may not be suspected of exaggerating the tone of the opposition journals—much approved by the *Tribune*—we ask the public to read carefully the following extracts from leading articles published yesterday. The first is from the *World*—a paper little read, we believe, since it was put up for sale backward and forward by the Tammany Ring, but still a "New-York journal," and, as such, liable to be quoted:

"There was a deliberate violation of the neutral obligations of the United States. *Our Government behaved altogether worse toward Germany than the British ever did toward us in the gloomiest period of our civil war.* The Government establishments were worked to their fullest capacity in manufacturing cartridges for France to be used against Germany. The most improved patterns of arms were sold to the agents of France out of the National arsenals. *The worst that we have ever charged against England is that she permitted private individuals to build ships for the Confederates. But our Government did not merely allow the French agents to purchase arms and ammunition of private manufacturers, but set all the public establishments in full activity to manufacture these things for France to be used against Germany.* This scandalous affair will turn the whole voting German population of the United States against Gen. GRANT."

And, again, the *Sun* says:

"Another point of equal, if not greater importance, is the fact, which also seems to be proved by official evidence, that the work-shops of the War Department were employed during the period in question in manufacturing cartridges for the French Government. It appears that France would not buy the arms unless ammunition was furnished to use in them; and so great was the power of the military Ring of speculators that they were able to cause the War Department to furnish these cartridges. *This was a violation of the laws of neutrality and of international obligations for an exceeding all that England can be charged with for allowing the Alabama, the Florida, and the other Confederate cruisers to depart from her ports upon their errand of destruction.* In that case she was guilty of negligence; but in the case of the ammunition manufactured for the French during their war with Germany, Gen. GRANT's Administration was guilty of taking direct part in the war."

If all this were true, there might be some excuse for bringing it forward. But since it is all false, what is to be said of the latest attempt to "break down Gen. GRANT!"

Shall Moore Escape?

It is much to be regretted that circumstances should have so conspired on Monday to defer, though, we trust, not altogether to prevent, the punishment of the congenial swindler MOORE. With great difficulty his victim, KORNACK, had been induced to return and testify against him. He was produced in Court on Monday, and confronted with the prisoner. The case was plain, and had it gone on, MOORE might now, in all probability, be on his way to Sing Sing to join his accomplice his former comrades in crime. But here intervened one of those mysterious delays which too often in our Courts impede the course of justice. Recorder HACKETT, who has given much attention to the matter, and who would without doubt have summarily dealt with this scoundrel, was unfortunately not sitting. The District-Attorney was engaged in another Court, and his assistant seems to have overlooked the importance of this case, or to have permitted himself to be outwitted by the prisoner's counsel. On their motion, at least, the trial was allowed to be transferred without objection to the Court of Oyer and Terminer, before Judge CARDOZO, already fully occupied with the Stokes case. This, of course, was intended to secure delay, and so to disgust the witness again into leaving. Judge CARDOZO, however, very properly and promptly returned the action to the General Sessions, where we hope to see it effectually and satisfactorily disposed of to-day. MOORE is the very worst of his vile class. The evidence is clear against him, and there is no reason in the world why he should not be tried and convicted at once, if the Court and the prosecuting officers do their duty. We have sufficient faith in Judge BEDFORD's integrity to believe that his part at least will be faithfully executed. We hope to be able to announce to-morrow that MOORE has received his deserts.

The Pleasantries of Savings Bank Swindlers.

There have been old fogies who have written of the savings-bank system after this fashion: "He who saves his earnings by depositing them in a savings bank, has almost invariably a worthy object in view. He saves not for greed, but for future need. * * While a man has nothing, he is reckless, improvident; but the moment he has consecrated a portion of his earnings, however small, to a fixed and worthy purpose, invested them in a permanent and remunerative form, the desire to increase the amount takes full possession of him. To this end he practices self-denial, diligently employs otherwise unoccupied hours, and abandons habits of prodigality or self-indulgence." The fact that this was written four years ago only shows how fast the world moves. Messrs. HANK SMITH, WALTER ROCHE and REEVES E. SELMES have promulgated quite a different version of the end and aims of savings bank depositors. This worthy trio determined to eliminate the slight grain of selfishness which remained in the generally-accepted motives of the provident poor. "Save neither for greed or need, but that the Vice-President may indulge his refined tastes in European capitals, that the Secretary may spend a gay honeymoon, and that the President may make champagne flow like water before the incorruptible legislators who throng his parlors at the Delavan House." So ran the Bowling-green antistrophe to the words of the philanthropist, and such were the sentiments that prompted the opening of that neat device of bank robbers, a "Secretary's account." This contrivance had the merit of entire novelty, and promised to become an inexhaustible source of supply for the personal expenditure of its ingenious authors. The gay associations connected with this fund extended to the Secretary's correspondence when asking from the sympathetic officials of the Guardian Savings Bank loans for its replenishment. "Dear Doty" is a charmingly *naïve* style of addressing a cashier for a loan of ten thousand dollars, and the sweet audacity of a postscript, telling the confiding "Doty" to keep the letter as security if he liked, is almost worthy of *Charles Surface*. The toil and the sweat, the pinching and scraping, the hardship and privation which went to make up that ten thousand dollars—not to mention many more, bandied about in this easy way—did not, of course, enter into the thoughts of SELMES or his associates. Nor do they probably now attempt to compute the wasted hopes, the pain, the bitterness and the anguish of humble men and women who have nothing left between them and a pauper's grave—all because they thought HANK SMITH honest, and WALTER ROCHE honorable. How consoling it is to reflect that SELMES and his pals had their little joke while they were "cracking" the bank safe, and that the "Secretary's account" supplied funds for two first-class Summer trips. What a pity it is, however, that the reflected sunshine of Mr. and Mrs. ROCHE's three months in Europe and Mr. and Mrs. SELMES' honeymoon cannot lighten the sallow faces of the widows and orphans sitting cold and hungry in the tenements of the First Ward because of the money that was so gayly spent by their solemnly-bound trustees.

Once accustomed to the conduct of banking business according to the laws of pantomime, such little irregularities as the following are taken quite as a matter of course. Item, City stocks sworn to as existent in bank statement, but found entirely non-existent by receiver, $95,000. Item, call loans to persons who cannot be found, and are presumed to be creatures of the imagination of SMITH & Co., $69,022 82. Item, working expenses "inadvertently" placed on the wrong side of the books, $31,010 68. Item, loans to personal friends of SMITH & Co., which are, strangely enough, pronounced to be worthless, $31,441 97. Item, "Secretary's account" replenished by "Dear Doty," who appears unaccountably on the scene to claim his money, $69,198 75—all of which, with some minor additions, make the amount converted into "ducks and drakes" by these eminent artists, SMITH, ROCHE and SELMES, foot up to some $228,564 70.

It was, perhaps, as well that these light-hearted jokers were obliged to close their ingenious performance in November last; otherwise, instead of a possible forty-four cents on the dollar, the depositors might have been left with rather less than half that amount available. It is just possible, however, that the first-class puff which the bank received from HORACE GREELEY and the Bureau of Emigration might have given it a new lease of life, had the glowing invitation tendered by these parties to the laboring poor of all nationalities had time to work. Fortunately for intending colonists, the indorsement of Mr. GREELEY came too late to save the bank from suspension, or HANK SMITH & Co. from being discovered. We only trust that, after their very successful efforts to relieve the dullness of financial correspondence, and to infuse an element of jollity into bank management, it will be found possible to allow the melancholy servants of the State at Sing Sing to have the benefit of the fresh consciousness of Rocks, Saxts, Moores and Selmes.

The Insurance Investigation.

The Miller investigation was abruptly suspended the other day, just as it promised to develop something really useful. To-morrow the Committee will resume the sessions at Albany. It was the hope and expectation of the Committee that the trouble they took to meet the convenience of insurance officers and interested affiants, by holding Court in New-York, would have been appreciated by those gentlemen, who thought it brave, because safe, to assume the Superintendent from a distance, as white themselves in the dark. But this hope was disappointed through the anxiety manifested by these very men to keep outside the reach of subpœnas, or, if brought on the stand, outside the range of any questions likely to compromise their standing in MILLER's good graces. Those who really know anything worth telling carefully kept out of the way, and only by the application of an hospital corkscrew could anything be got out of the witnesses who consented to appear.

We notice that one of the insurance papers, a mere mouthpiece of the whitewashing clique, crows over the barrenness of the inquiry up to this time. Let us look at this. Has not the evidence fastened distinctly upon MILLER the taking of $4,000, belonging by law to the State, paid to the Department for fees connected with the transfer of securities deposited there by insurance companies? The law being specific on this subject, and the fact being clearly proved that MILLER collected and pocketed the money, it seems a little cool to say that nothing has come of the investigation. To be sure, the amount was not quite $5,000, and bears no comparison to the immense "rake" of MILLER's Tammany associates, who are now under bail here; but then, we take it that the transaction was a fraud to the extent of $4,000. If not, what was it?

It has also been proved that companies paid for being examined various sums ranging from $100 to $2,500, according to the ability to pay or the necessity of having a favorable certificate. It is not to be retorted that MILLER did not extort these fees, but that the exactions were made by SOUTHWICK, BRIGGS, ELDRIDGE, SICKLES, CARTER, CARR, PIERCE and company. Who appointed these examiners? To whom did they secretly render their reports? Who had to be "seen" and "satisfied" before the companies could obtain copies of the reports, and so learn MILLER's opinion of their condition? These are the queries which the evidence throughout very plainly answers. Is it credible that these extortions were unknown to MILLER or unshared in by him, when by a word he could silence all calumny in this regard? Was not his repeated appointment of these land-sharks an indorsement of their action, and a virtual admission that he was their partner? At least we must think such an inference very natural and reasonable.

Besides, has it not been proved by the testimony of the President of the Lafayette Insurance Company, that a fee of one thousand dollars was paid by his company, after an examination by BRIGGS and SOUTHWICK, and under circumstances which made this sum appear to be the price of not revoking the company's charter on account of its illegal practices? Who had the power to revoke this charter, or, rather, whose sworn duty was it to declare the charter forfeited? This was not a matter within the province of examiners, upon whose report the Superintendent must come to a decision. And if these men took one thousand dollars, with any such understanding, it seems reasonably evident that they acted by authority—as, in fact, the event showed, for the charter was not lost.

We will not dwell upon the testimony of Mr. ECCLESTON, which introduced, just as the Committee were going to adjourn, a very interesting subject of inquiry. He spoke of a life insurance President who, before he could obtain his certificate, was obliged to "see" some third party to the tune of one thousand dollars. As the witness gave the names of all the parties to this arrangement, we hope the Committee will not let the matter drop where it was then left.

We would suggest that the Committee inquire into the legal aspects and bearings of all this extortion practiced under the euphonious name of Examiners' fees. Under the letter of the law—and, we would hope, under its spirit, too—these exactions are all improper. The law provides that the "expenses" of examinations shall be borne by the company examined; but fifty or a hundred dollars an hour can hardly be admitted as representing a legitimate "expense" incurred by the Examiner. That these appointments should be used by the Superintendent for enriching himself and a few cronies of the Tammany Order, at the expense of two or three hundred frightened insurance officers, is an outrage which should no longer be tolerated. And if this can be put a stop to, as one result of the investigation, something substantial will have been gained.

We must decline, therefore, to admit that the examination, thus far, has been barren of results; and now we await further discoveries.

A New Entertainment for the Grand Duke.

Doubtless it is the Latin blood in their veins which inclines the good people of New-Orleans to stand upon the olden ways, and especially to cling so zealously to the ancient and honorable customs of the duello. No less than three affairs of honor are reported to be imminent there, all arising out of the late legislative troubles. Capt. SCOTT had testified before the Congressional Committee that he had bribed various high officials whom he was so indelicate as to mention by name. The gentlemen thus lifted to this bad eminence, naturally made light of Capt. SCOTT's credit. In this pleasing task, State Senator CAMPBELL so distinguished himself as to make it absolutely necessary for the good Captain's peace of mind that the Senator should name his seconds. This honor, however, was forestalled by the Senator, who, in the most courteous manner possible, forwarded a challenge to Capt. SCOTT, from which, strangely enough, the parties to the quarrel dodged, and, for the first time, Mr. ROUSSAN. Again discovered that Capt. SCOTT had aggrieved him in a manner which could only be atoned for with blood. So the weapons had to be named again, this time swords. Finally, Superintendent BARRETT, of the Police, finding in Speaker CARRERE's newspaper some reflections on his efficiency, was reluctantly forced to demand the satisfaction usual among gentlemen. The precise instruments of this last atonement we do not know, but they will doubtless prove quite as effective as the others.

Now it is not often that even New-Orleans has so great a treat as three duels at once. And as the Grand Duke has very opportunely arrived there, we trust it may occur to some of the gentlemen concerned in these various little difficulties, that they have an admirable chance to make the demands of honor serve the duties of hospitality. Let the three combats be fought out in public, and the Grand Duke invited to attend. So novel an exposition of New-Orleans habits would undoubtedly gratify the illustrious visitor, and the duellists might find access of satisfaction in dying at his princely feet. A little ingenuity would make of the affair a most attractive and imposing spectacle. Capt. SCOTT, for example, might engage one of his adversaries with his shot-gun, while he kept the other in play with his sword. In the meantime Messrs. CARTER and BADGER could be keeping up a lively fusillade on the outskirts. Better still, the combatants could throw their various honors into "pot," as it were, and join in a general battle. Or each one might take turns in standing the assault of the other four. Some arrangement of this sort would lead to an interesting private quarrel, partaking of the old-time courtesy of the Middle Age tournament, and if all the gentlemen should unhappily be killed, sorrow would be assuaged in the reflection that their honor was quite assuaged, and that each had obtained all the satisfaction he could possibly desire.

So rare a chance ought not to be thrown away, especially in carnival time. But we, who dwell in a cooler clime, may be permitted to wonder a little at an exhibition which otherwise is so admirable. Let us try to fancy Superintendent KELSO challenging a newspaper editor, for example, because he had found fault with our Police arrangements. Or, imagine Mr. TWEED recurring to double-barrelled shot-guns, as a balm for his wounded feelings. It is difficult to enter into that state of public feeling which, in the nineteenth century, prescribes that men should cut each others' throats, because they differ in their respective estimates of one another's virtues. But, if New-Orleans gentlemen will insist on this prerogative, they ought not to be selfish in their enjoyment, especially with a Grand Duke to be exceptionally honored.

Corsica and the Napoleons.

The Napoleonists are evidently determined to make the most of Corsica. M. ROUHER, than whom the second Empire had no more submissive slave, now takes his turn after Prince NAPOLEON, in manipulating the electors of the province-kingdom. There seems not much more reason why the NAPOLEONS should be exceptionally popular in Corsica than the family of the Duke of WELLINGTON in Ireland. The Duke was born in Dublin, NAPOLEON at Ajaccio, and each saw as little of his native place in after life as he could possibly help. NAPOLEON absolutely did nothing for the country of his birth in the way of endowments, monuments, or public works, and there are passages in his correspondence with his brother JOSEPH which reflect unfavorably upon his countrymen. Both the Corsicans and the Irish are romantic and visionary, qualities little likely to commend themselves to such men as NAPOLEON or WELLINGTON. No one who knows anything of Irish life in the year 1790, can imagine that Hon. ARTHUR WELLESLEY could have had much in common except, perhaps, a taste for hard riding and hard fighting, with the reckless out-at-elbow country in company with whom he followed the Kildare hounds; nor can we imagine that, except in passion and vindictiveness, young NAPOLEON had much sympathy with the war of the lawyers and land-owners with whom he went to school at Ajaccio.

The history of Corsica, like that of Ireland, is one of chronic disturbance. It has been a bone of contention to numbers of nations. In the eleventh century it belonged to Pisa, then to the Papal States, and after passing through various hands came, in the fourteenth century, to the Genoese, with whom it remained until the eighteenth century; then, after terrible turmoil, a German adventurer, THEODORE VON NEUHOFF, who ended his days a prisoner for debt in the Fleet Prison, London, was proclaimed King. Then came "Boxzy's" friend, whom his father, old AUCHINBECK, so pleasantly alluded to when deploring his son's passion for lion hunting. Under PAOLI the Corsicans achieved their independence, but in 1769 succumbed to the French. In 1793, PAOLI, who really deserves the epithet of great, and has been called the Washington of Corsica—with the assistance of the English drove out the French. PAOLI an enlightened and noble-minded man, had designed for Corsica a republic much on the model of our own but whether such a system of government could have succeeded with such a people was a problem which little time was left him to solve, for in 1796 the French regained the island, and in 1814 it was, by the terms of the Treaty of Paris, confirmed to them.

Thus it will be seen that the tie by which Corsica has been bound to France is not of a sort particularly calculated to conciliate the feelings of the people of the former country, and what has served still more to provoke a spirit of animosity is the shameful commercial policy which has governed the relations of France with her poor little dependency. The people have by nature nothing in common. Their mental characteristics, their ideas are essentially different. Every one who has seen the famous play of "The Corsican Brothers" will remember that the vendetta is a prevailing feature in one of the sets. For many years past, in consequence of the frightful tendency to assassinate common among the people, it has been, as it is at this moment in Ireland, unlawful to carry firearms. This has saved many lives, but the spirit of vengeance seems still to remain. "The vendetta," says a writer on the subject, "is closely connected with the love of family, which, in the Corsican, is only equaled in intensity by that of country, and is especially conspicuous in the fraternal relation." Benevolent functionaries have exhausted in vain all endeavors to procure the reconciliation of families between whom a blood feud of centuries had existed. In one of these instances an amiable Prefect had succeeded in bringing two together at a festival. It went off to all appearances well, but when the Prefect interrogated a patriarch of the village as to his opinion of the result, the old man shook his head. They met again in the morning, and the old man's face was cheerful. It appeared that a fray had occurred on the return of the guests, and that a young man had been shot, whose death exactly balanced an account of natural homicide. Certainly a most cheering circumstance.

Under an enlightened French administration, Corsica, which possesses a rich vegetation, favorable climate, and inexhaustible quarries of marble, porphyry, and granite, might make much advance, and it can only be attributed to the indifference of the Napoleon family to the country of its origin that under the second Empire so little was done for it. The area is rather more than three thousand square miles, and the population, once considerable, is now about three hundred thousand. Landed property is extremely divided, and almost entirely in the hands of the actual owners. There is the same passionate attachment to land that there is in Ireland, and the excessive subdivision has proved very injurious. Wretched roads, a bad tariff, obstinacy, ignorance, and apathy, all combine to produce a state of things in the country only in the present day equaled in Spain. There are few writers about Corsica, and persons who have visited almost every nook and corner of the world have no personal acquaintance with it; but probably its day is to come.

The Williamsburg Ferries.

It is the business of a ferry company to transport passengers safely, comfortably, cheaply, and with regularity. How far does the Company which monopolizes the ferry business between this City and Williamsburg fulfill these requirements?

There can be little safety for passengers on a long water route when the boats are old, rotten, and loaded down with an enormous excess of human beings, horses, and wagons. The Williamsburg boats are always crowded, and passengers are frequently packed together so that every foot of standing-room in the cabins and on deck is occupied. Should a worn-out boiler explode in one of these crowded boats, the loss of life would be greater than that which occurred on board the *Westfield*, while a collision would inevitably crush scores of men and women. Should the boat be so injured from any cause as to sink, the supply of life-preservers—could they be reached—would save, possibly, a tenth of the passengers, the remainder being left to the certainty of drowning. The public can judge with what expectation of safety one may trust his life on board a Williamsburg ferry-boat.

As to comfort, the term is a mockery when applied to the condition of people packed together as close as the cargo of an old-fashioned slave trader. The ladies' cabin is barely endurable from its lack of ventilation when thus crowded, while the so-called "gentlemen's cabin" is a reeking den of filth, filled with the suffocating fumes of foul tobacco-pipes. The passenger who prefers to shiver on the deck rather than to enter the cabin, is exposed to the cutting winds of the icy river, and the trampling hoofs of uneasy horses. The cabins are presumed to be heated by steam, but they vary from a condition of excessive heat to that of almost unendurable cold. Wretched as are the discomforts of the boat, the latter are preferable to the waiting-rooms of most of the ferry-houses, which present a combination of filth, bad air, and decrepid board benches, which, if purposely contrived, reflects credit upon the ingenuity of its originators.

The monopoly which manages these ferries has the audacity to charge each passenger three cents for the privilege of sitting in the waiting-rooms, freezing on the deck, and incurring the risk of a violent death. This rate of fare is double that charged per mile by the best transatlantic steamers. At three cents for each passenger the Williamsburg Company, last year, made a clear profit of $217,323 36 upon a nominal capital of one million dollars—not half that capital being really required in order to conduct the ferries as they are now managed.

The Company professes to start its boat at certain specified times. In point of fact it does nothing of the sort. The rule is for the pilot of each boat to wait until he has packed the last possible passenger into his crazy tub. This irregularity becomes intolerable, when it is understood that many of the passengers from New-York to South Seventh-street are seeking the trains of the South Side Railroad. They are compelled to allow double the time necessary for crossing the ferry, if they hope to reach the station before their train has left. This irregularity is thus not only a serious annoyance to all passengers on the ferry route, but it is a grave injury to Williamsburg, and to all the towns on the line of the South Side road.

The Williamsburg ferries are thus shown to be exceedingly unsafe, horribly uncomfortable, excessively dear, and intolerably irregular. The men who control them are unfit to manage a line of cattle-boats, and as examples of incordinate greed and reckless indifference to the wishes of the people they merely exemplify the state leaders of the bronze Tammany Ring.

MINOR TOPICS.

JAY GOULD's little game of petitions against "legislative interference", with the Erie Ring was a very good one till it was found out. It has been most thoroughly exposed, and the people along the line of the road are sending in counter petitions by the score, praying for the immediate repeal of the odious laws passed for the benefit of TWEED's fellow-directors. We are not unwilling to remember that that counter movement was suggested in the Times, and we now beg to remind the Legislature that those last petitions speak the wish and opinion of a vast majority of the people of the whole State, who feel justly impatient at the slowness of the Legislature in taking any positive step to remove the great wrong and scandal arising from the continued presence of these Erie laws on our statute-book.

In accordance with the rigid instructions of the House resolution, Mr. FINKELNBURG, yesterday, reported from the Committee on Ways and Means, a bill abolishing the duty on tea and sugar. It seems to us that this entering at the tariff by clap-trap resolution, utterly devoid of basis in any sound conception of the needs of the Treasury or the interests of the people, is as contemptible as it is absurd. Doubtless some of the members of Congress would like to see it made impossible to reduce any of the duties on manufactures, however burdensome and unprofitable they may be. Others would like to load the luxuries with the task of producing all the Customs revenue. Neither class can wholly succeed, and it is a waste of time and a trivial way of approaching so important a subject, to endeavor to attack the tariff in skirmishing resolutions relating to one or two articles.

It was to be expected that the passage on Tuesday, of the bill to erect Government buildings at Albany, would produce a flood of similar bills for other places. Accordingly, the House of Representatives yesterday voted $100,000 to Indianapolis, $300,000 to Hartford, and $300,000 to Cincinnati, and was on the point of voting $150,000 to Quincy, Ill., when Mr. DAWES, pleading that the line must be drawn somewhere, got it drawn at Quincy. It came out in the course of the debate that twenty-two per cent. of the Government's annual expenditure was for public buildings. At the risk of being denounced as favoring extravagance, we must say that we do not know of any like proportion spent for any better purpose. The spectacle of Government officials scattered all over a city, keeping valuable papers in obscure offices, and paying more for rent than the interest on the cost of suitable buildings, is not edifying. The suggestion, however, that good local architects should be employed is a plausible one, and would be a sound one if it promised to insure some variety instead of the rather monotonous solidity and heaviness of the buildings now owned by the Government.

What appears to be a very heartless case of ingratitude has just been brought to light in one of the Putnam County Courts. Two brothers, named BAXTER, occupy the position respectively of plaintiff and defendant in an action instituted by one against the other, to compel payment of an equal share of the total cost of maintaining an aged father. The testimony shows that during the drafts in 1863, JARVIS W. BAXTER, the defendant, escaped service on the strength of an affidavit in which he declared himself to be the only support of a helpless father. He then lived on a well-stocked farm, and was surrounded with all the comforts of a country home. Soon after the draft business, it is alleged that he turned out the old man, and that he has since refused to contribute toward his support. For a time the poor old fellow wandered from place to place, existing upon the pity of friends, who had known him under more favorable circumstances, until he at length contrived to reach the house of a younger son, where he received a cordial welcome, and where he has since been cared for. Now it appears that the second son is the poorer of the two in worldly goods, and for this reason is determined to make the elder, the richer, and the more selfish, furnish his quota of the expense.

There appears to be considerable acerbity at Berlin in reference to some letters which appeared in a Stockholm paper, signed "C," reflecting very bitterly on Prussian policy. One sentence runs "At this moment Prussia is to be feared by all who do not desire to be converted into slaves, either indirect or indirect subjects of the King of Prussia." In consequence of the Berlin correspondent of the London *Times* attributing these violent expressions to the King of Sweden, apparently on the somewhat inconclusive ground that they were signed "C," the Swedish Minister in London wrote to contradict the statement, asserting that the only pretext for such an assumption was that His Majesty had once been prevailed on to permit some verses of his to be published with that signature. The correspondent has since replied from Berlin to the effect that military criticisms on the part of the King also appeared under the same signature, and it is pretty clear that the authorities at Berlin are by no means in a good humor about the matter. Much of the rest of the letters is couched in language as offensive as the sentence we have quoted.

Two foreign officials in high positions have recently been made to feel the weight of the law pretty severely. M. VICTOR PLACE, ex-Consul, of France, has been convicted of malversation and condemned to two years' imprisonment and a fine of two hundred dollars. Our correspondent hints that, but for the influence of M. PLACE's brother, the sentence would have been even more severe. The other example made is that of the ex-Minister of Police at Constantinople, who accounted for a deficit of large amount by asserting that he had paid it to the late Grand Vizier, who died a few months ago in extremely embarrassed circumstances. The accused was, however, unable to substantiate his statements by any evidence, and has been condemned to pay double the sum of money stolen, to be imprisoned for five years, and never to be re-employed in the public service. At this rate, the administrative reforms which have for some time been in progress in Turkey would appear to be in earnest.

A Question.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Permit me to ask through your columns whether the restorations made by Mr. WARREN upon HAWKINS for the Central Park Museum are in existence? An evening paper a few weeks ago, published a brief article expressing a strong suspicion that they had been destroyed by order of the resigning Park Commissioners. Let the facts of the case be made public. I have sought for the works in question, and have found them not. They are too valuable for the Museum to lose, and too interesting to be kept hidden away. Please call on Mr. HAWKINS himself to investigate and speak.

PARK VISITOR.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1872.

AMUSEMENTS.

Music.

MR. SANTLEY'S REPRESENTATIONS.

Mr. SANTLEY repeated at the Academy of Music, last evening, his personation of Rossini in the opera bearing that title. We have only to record of the latest performance of MARSCHNER's charming work, that it was enjoyed by an audience only slightly inferior in numbers to that of Monday's representation, and that it was free, in respect of the general interpretation, from the blemishes of the first night. All the solos, last night, were capitally done; the finale of act the second was quite effective, and the grand duo in the last scene was as dramatic as could be desired. These merits of Mr. SANTLEY's personation, of which mention has already been made, were enhanced, yesterday, by an increased vivacitousness and warmth in his acting, wherefrom the grand air in the second act, and the duet in the third, derived an capital benefit. Miss VAN ZANDT's exertions were also more successful, and, to be brief, the rehearsal proceeded with a smoothness only ruffled by inappropriate demands for repeats. The same programme will be offered the music-loving public of Brooklyn this evening. Local frequenters of the Academy will have, for the present, a final opportunity of applauding Mr. SANTLEY on Saturday night, when he will be heard in "Fra Diavolo."

THE CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION.

The musical world is to be congratulated on having at last heard, in its entirety, the famous Requiem of MOZART, and the Church Music Association could not have made a better use of their resources than that of applying them to its production. It is precisely works of this small but important class, cantatas, masses, psalms, the hearing of which is essential to any real knowledge of music, and which have hitherto been, in New-York, so unattainable. They cannot be considered as oratorios; they require too much preparation to make it worth while to produce them at concerts; and in churches the weakness of choirs and the exigences of the service lead to their curtailment and mutilation. The Church Music Association, therefore, enables us to fill a great gap in our musical experience. The value of the Requiem is fairly estimated in the following judicious analysis by Dr. PECH:

"The high opinion in which this composition is universally held can only be understood and appreciated by frequent hearing. The mind will not be weakened by the closest familiarity, but rather fortified by the discovery of beauties which, not being immediately on the surface, reveal themselves only by degrees. MOZART has written, not so much with a view of exciting pleasurable emotions, or eliciting momentary admiration by the production of what are termed 'striking' passages, as with that of producing a work complete in its whole, and symmetrical in its parts. To his own grace and ingenuity he has added the solemn dignity of HANDEL, and in some parts the healthy vigor of HAYDN. Always strong and elevated in the choruses, expressive and melodious in his airs and subdued pieces, MOZART adds to these a wonderful knowledge of contrapuntal contrivances, as displayed in the admirable clearness of his fugues and imitation passages, which he is enabled to exhibit with the greatest felicity. Added to which he is a master, in his way, of all the resources of orchestral coloring, and employs them not only with invariable freedom, but with consummate judgment; the rich and elaborate instrumentation of many of the choruses in the Requiem being not more remarkable than his delicate scoring of the solo airs and concerted pieces."

Of the Benedictus, the finest known number in the Mass, Dr. PECH says truly:

"Every phrase contained in this movement is of the most elevated kind. From first to last it is charming. In each phrase the emotion of the composer seems to have been fully expressed. Each sound appears to have a purpose, and undeniable reasons could be given for its existence. Not a note, nor the position of a note, could be changed without injury to the whole."

We reprint these observations, with which we heartily coincide, the more readily because we feel obliged to say that in his analysis of "Lurline" Dr. PECH has greatly over-rated the importance of WALLACE's work, and such indiscriminating praise, issued by authority of the Church Music Association, is calculated to mislead. We have on a previous occasion expressed our surprise that a weak modern opera should be considered worthy to occupy the time of the Association. As, however, the programme for the next concert is all that the most severe purist could desire we will not cavil, but frankly own that a great deal of "Lurline" is extremely pretty, and the whole rendered enjoyable by the wonderful faculty which WALLACE possessed of setting forth and tricking out his themes with a thousand sparkling accessories, which a warm and exuberant fancy was always ready to suggest. Few of his melodies have the originality and the chasteness which made the lasting popularity of his well-known "Dream;" but nearly all his orchestral work has that variety and inventiveness which render some of his pianoforte pieces, as, for instance, his "Crescivione," positively unique. He was an Irishman, a Celt, and if he had not sustained greatness he cannot be denied the possession of genius, poetic feeling, and that facility of expression which seems to be inherent in the race.

It is a curious circumstance that the Church Music Association is, in apparent unconsciousness, trying for us a very important experiment, that, namely, whether operatic music can be separated from scenic display. Several years ago the great German writer on counterpoint, Dr. MARX, announced his conviction that the opera was the worst and lowest form in which music could be written, that to unite music and dramatic action was to hamper both, that in short there should be no more opera, Italian or other; and that the operas already written should be sung in concert-rooms as oratorios are. This view has lately been revived by a critic of considerable ability, and it is one with which, for obvious reasons, the stricter religious sects would be likely to agree; indeed, a certain influential American clergyman has advocated the idea in his lectures with great energy. The operas of "Oberon," "Preciosa," and now "Lurline" having been thus treated, and with, undoubtedly, a fair degree of artistic success, there remain, besides the important fragment, "Lorlie," which we are to hear shortly, many others, ancient and modern, to which we should be thankful to see this experiment applied, merely, however, as an experiment; for the abolition of the Italian opera, with all its charms and all its recollections is a thing to which we have not yet made up our minds.

The performance on Monday night was, on the whole, satisfactory. The chorus went admirably through the Requiem, and some trifling faults in the opera were at little moment. The tenors, who, all through the rehearsals, were miserably weak, sang with a spirit which made the balance between the male and female voices less unequal.

As a part singer, Mme. JANOSKA is an acquisition to our but too numerous body of resident vocalists. Her knowledge, readiness and power of co-operation, without any attempt to divert attention exclusively to herself, are valuable qualities. As a solo singer, however, the harshness of her voice and the indistinctness of her enunciation render her less acceptable. The contralto, Miss ANTONIA HERTZ, possesses a fresh and agreeable voice, and sings extremely well. Her ballad in "Lurline" would have been encored had encores been possible. The voice of Mr. LEONARDI is a light tenor of beautiful quality. We heard it said that it was "not quite enough" for Steinway Hall, but if a voice is slightly wanting in power the remedy is, not that we should lose it from our concert-rooms, but that the orchestra should play a little more softly, and the audience listen a little more attentively. Mr. LEONARDI has not caught quite the tone of the very purest models, and his voice needs practice and fluency lest it should become hard; at the same time he deserves the utmost credit for having resisted the influence of vicious traditions, and for the manly and unaffected style in which he sings. Mr. REMMERTS appears to greater advantage than he did last year. The delicacy and roundness of his method is remarkable, as increased facility has been given to amplitude of his voice, and he needs only greater distinctness of articulation to render his singing thoroughly agreeable.

Mrs. GULLAGH appeared to us to have lost her true field in English Opera, yet we do not doubt that generally-expressed regret that she could not be transferred to the boards of the Academy. Bad as Balfe's Hall is, accustomed by the Academy to worse, and it is precisely when Mrs. GULLAGH sings best that we feel that she deserves a better stage. It is true that our approbations are aroused not some day we should lose in appreciation in English diction, or in the point of singer, to the mere sound, but it is not sound but what the lady can execute with ease; and the pleasure of hearing, as all those graceful phrases and delicate flights, floating over voice and orchestra, and anon gliding down ward to a few tender, beautifully-phrased English words, was of no common kind.

The time in which Dr. PECH takes some serious to allege blemishes in the Requiem. Poor WALLACE'S pretty idea in the church style of his "Ave Maria" was made quite ridiculous by the pace at which it was rushed through, and the same tendency was observable in the Requiem, the awful solemnity of the "Rex tremendæ" being entirely destroyed. To hurry such movements is bad from start to finish, and to reduce everything to the level of a "service," is an unfortunate course to take with the Requiem, which is already sufficiently grave for the taste of a mixed audience. The concert was too long, and the wind, some evenings, "Sermons" could well have been spared, as it did, to make the Requiem sound full and old-fashioned. In order to perform this overture, a band at least two-thirds larger than was needed for anything else, was engaged, and succeeded in drowning the voices of the singers and driving the tenor out of his mind by egregious mistakes in the accompaniment at his first song, after the invariable fashion of instrumentalists met together in a hurry.

"Marriage" at the St. James Theatre.

On Monday evening Mr. J. S. MAGRATH made his second essay here as actor and manager, in the production of a drama called "Marriage." This piece is understood to be an adaptation from the French of OCTAVE FEUILLET. It has been promised for some time, and was looked for with interest. We were not, therefore, surprised to find its first representation prove quite attractive. The St. James Theatre was, in fact, quite full on the occasion, and the attention paid to the performance was close and unremitting. It must be confessed that, so far as the play is concerned, this consideration was hardly deserved. "Marriage" is too slight in texture, and too monotonous in tone, to wear very well, or to warrant more than a single hearing. Its three acts are all played in one scene. Five-sixths of the text are delivered by three persons. The incidents are few in number, and there is little either to enliven or startle in the dialogue. Beside this, the purpose is not clear, and ambiguity completes the weakness that other defects begin. A wife, either not loved or languidly loved by her husband, falls in love with somebody else. *Marguerite Brooks*, the wife, and *Carroll Gray*, her illicit adorer, are thrown much together. *Gray* is CRICHTON, BAYARD, and *Sir Charles Coldstream* rolled into one. Hence, in good time, he proposes to *Mrs. Brooks* to run away with him. She assents, but postpones her flight; afterward she declines to go altogether. The talk is so managed as to give *Gray* a share of the credit for this heroic resolve; for the lady wavers at the last critical moment in a way to show she *would* fly with her lover after all if he only pressed her hard enough; but in fact she remains virtuous and dies in the sequel of a broken heart in consequence.

It is this dismal conclusion that chiefly renders the purpose of "Marriage" equivocal. If *Marguerite Brooks*, like *Mrs. Haller*, had abandoned a loving husband, the moral would have been intelligible. But *Marguerite Brooks* does nothing of the kind. She cleaves to an unloving husband, and then, apparently by way of recompense, is made to shuffle off this mortal coil in something like the fashion of another *Marguerite*, the erring *Traviata*. In the latter case, immoral as the play or opera is by many considered, we are distinctly shown that the wages of sin is death; in *Mrs. Brooks'* case, the reward of merit is nothing less. Are we then to understand M. FEUILLET to imply that his heroine would have done better to yield to temptation rather than to struggle against it? Again, there is an obscurity about the fact of *Marguerite's* purity. She does not go off with her lover, but there is a doubt whether her husband's honor remains intact. We have not seen M. FEUILLET'S original piece, "Julie," but imagine that in that play there is no doubt at all on this point, and that the business is "glazed" in "Marriage" out of regard to American prejudices. This kind of process has been gone through before in adaptations from the French for our stage, and the effect is generally unsatisfactory. In "Marriage" it is that of a protracted *double entendre*, and the hearer is not always quite sure whether he is listening to a hearty plea for the sanctity of the marriage vow, or a covert argument in behalf of "free love." Sometimes one idea predominates and sometimes the other. There is sometimes an apparently genial and wholesome inculcation of the duty of cultivating and cherishing conjugal affection; but there is likewise an occasional suggestion that something else might be better. On the whole *Carroll Gray* impresses one, if not as an advocate of "promiscuity," at least as a disciple of the kind of teachers who are accused of it. He appears to be always balancing on "the dangerous edge of things," and only to be restrained by an obviously distasteful sense of the expedient.

Of Mr. MAGRATH'S acting in this hazy composition, much that is good may justly be said. In the first act, considering his limited experience, he is singularly collected and easy. His manner is suave and well-bred, although, perhaps, the least bit too self-conscious, and his intonation is natural and melodious. We should prefer not to hear duty pronounced "deuty," and, while speaking of words, that condemn the repeated use of the name of the Creator, as not only in bad taste but quite needless—but, in general, Mr. MAGRATH'S delivery is very agreeable. He is striking when his voice is pitched in the conversational key, or what, remembering the size and acoustics of his theatre, represents that key—a merit usually attained only through long practice and a fine ear. In the more animated passages of the second and third acts, Mr. MAGRATH rises legitimately with the occasion, and, while he certainly does not astonish, he does not offend. On the whole his *Carroll Gray* is a smooth, well-conceived and satisfactory piece of acting. It is not so striking as in certain parts his *Mosaïdi* is; but it is marred with fewer blemishes, is more harmonious as a completed picture, and less like a series of bold but jerky and imperfectly connected sketches. Miss GRISWOLD'S *Marguerite* deserves praise, and a generous measure of it. This young lady has genuine talent, and we are glad to recognize the fact. She was laboring on Monday under a severe cold, for which an apology was made. Her impersonation was nevertheless decidedly clever, and an undeniable advance on the somewhat mawkish *Rosalie*. Some speeches, and especially the long explanatory one to her husband in the third act, Miss GRISWOLD gave admirably; and we have hardly ever seen a novice with action more unlabored and natural. With study and perseverance Miss GRISWOLD may become one of the best juvenile actresses yet seen on the American stage. Another pupil of Mr. MAGRATH'S, a Miss VARIAN, showed ability as *Alice*, the young daughter of the heroine. Considerable self-possession, distinct utterance and pleasant manner were among Miss VARIAN'S claims to favor, and these were cordially admitted by the audience. Mr. A. H. DAVENPORT supplied a careful and acceptable embodiment of *Walter Brooks*, the husband of *Marguerite*, and an Irish part in livery was played with laudable execution, but rather too stagey effect, by a Mr. BURKE. This personage is meant to give a humorous relief to the action, occasionally tinging and blending with the sombre sidelights of the story—but Mr. BURKE is hardly able as yet to carry off with success what requires much tact and practice, added to mere humor. Mrs. KEITH, also a beginner, likewise attempted a "character" part in *Mme. de la Vigne*, and succeeded, so far as we could judge, to have a creditable conception of her task. The lady was, however, almost inaudible, and will have to overcome this serious but very common stage fault before her powers can be rightly estimated.

It is not unlikely that "Marriage" will draw for a time, but quite impossible that, in its present shape, it should be permanently successful. The story is too slight, and the blind mystery of the boy are shown through the windows of a nicely-painted interior, which stands, as we have said, for the whole three acts. But the local color of the piece is insufficient to impart lively interest, and the treatment of its sick and the sector of manner and dismissing in the character will also militate against its success. Still, as the vehicle for some excellent acting, "Marriage" may profit a miserable share of popularity, and of this likelihood the manager was well aware, for it was altogether unbiased, early on Monday, save liberal earnest, and two good houses since additional assurance.

ENGLAND.

The Government and Parliament—Philosophy of the Russian Social Politics—The Fenian Prisoners—Mr. Gladstone's Prospects—Miscellaneous.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 27, 1872.

Parliament will be opened the week after next by the Queen in person, if her health will permit of her doing it. It is also expected that if the Queen does appear, she will read the speech herself instead of intrusting that duty as she has done every year since the Prince Consort's death to the Lord Chancellor. Her Majesty has a singularly clear and finely-toned voice, as sweet and full as a bell; and her acknowledgments to the country for the sympathy which was shown for the royal family on the occasion of the Prince of Wales' danger will be especially impressive if they come from her own lips. The main question as whether her Majesty can hear the enunciament of speaking in public, and the physicians by no means favor the idea. There is a general impression that the session will be rough and stormy and that the Government will run considerable risk of being upset. For my own part, I am disposed to think just the reverse. I believe it will probably prove to be a very quiet, humdrum session, and that the Government will have a tolerably easy time of it, unless they deliberately and wantonly go out of their way to create embarrassments for themselves. The country is well in trade, is somewhat tired of the political excitement of the last year or two, and is anxious for rest. If GLADSTONE were out of the way, there would be a good chance for a Liberal-Conservative Ministry, something after the fashion of Lord PALMERSTON'S, but then GLADSTONE is in the way, and for the present the combination is hopeless. Lord DERBY and Lord GRANVILLE could work together well in such a government, but Lord GRANVILLE stands by GLADSTONE, and even if he were to break with, would not openly oppose his present chief. On the other hand, a Conservative Ministry is out of the question. It might, by an accident, get in, but it would at once be rocked out again. It has no basis in the country. Mr. DISRAELI has intimated that he will, after Easter, make a tour and deliver speeches in Lancashire. He will be the guest of Lord DERBY, and it may be inferred that he will adhere to the lines of policy sketched out by Lord DERBY in his recent speech. He will have no difficulty in exciting the Conservative enthusiasm of Lancashire, and his speeches may perhaps have a reverberative effect throughout the country. In this way he can damage the Government, but that is a very small step toward setting up another Government in its place. DISRAELI can't very well serve under DERBY, and DISRAELI is the last man who could ever lead a steady-going, safe, common-sense Ministry of the Liberal-Conservative type. It is becoming more and more apparent that from the violent Radicals the Government has nothing to fear if it is not misled into moving in their direction. The Nonconformists, who have this week been making a great howl at Manchester about their grievances, have done themselves no good. They have only displayed their political impotence and unreasonableness, and have strengthened instead of weakening the Government, by showing how impossible it is to come to terms with them.

SOCIAL POLITICS.

I think I said something once before as to what may be called the social aspect of politics in this country, or, perhaps, it would be more correct to say, the political aspects of the social struggle. If it were only a question of how the nation should be governed, there would hardly ever be serious differences of opinion, inasmuch as moderate Liberals and moderate Conservatives, who compose the bulk of the people, think very much alike, and the extreme men on either side count for very little. The same remark applies to theological questions. There is very little difference in the doctrine, and not a great deal in the service of most Church of England and most dissenting congregations. The Dissenters are now much more a political organization than a theological system, and the reason why a great many people are Dissenters is pretty much the same as that which influenced the Miltonic hero. They prefer to reign in one place rather than serve in another. If they joined the Church of England they would be lost in the crowd. At the best, they could only hope to be church-wardens, and church-wardens, besides being limited in number, cut a very poor figure by the side of the clergymen. They are little better than unpaid beadles, without uniform or cocked hats. In the Dissenting bodies, a rich industrialist or shopkeeper has seldom much difficulty in getting himself elected an elder or deacon, and in that capacity he can sit on the poor minister to his heart's content. There is a current saying—rather cynical, but, as far as my observation goes, very true—that when Dissenters set up a carriage, in the course of three generations it is sure to carry them to church instead of chapel. This is only another way of saying that when people rise to have a position of their own in the social scale, they gravitate toward the ancient and aristocratic communion, while people who are struggling to be somebodies find it easier to establish a platform for themselves in the more democratic congregations of Dissenters. For similar reasons, people are drawn toward Conservatism or Radicalism. A generation ago the cotton-spinners and cloth-weavers of Lancashire and Yorkshire were vigilant Radicals. That was their only chance of acquiring a prominent position in public life. The gentry looked down upon and distrusted them, and caste was then a great wall between commerce and gentility. But the sons of the gods have since married with the daughters of men. Rich cotton people find no difficulty in getting lords' daughters for wives, and lords' sons are not above taking shoddy to their bosoms in the shape of rich and pretty young women whose grandfathers may have been weavers or peddlers. So now Lancashire and Yorkshire are beginning to be decidedly Conservative. The old aristocratic Whiggism is dying out, but a new Whiggism has sprung from the social miscegenation between commerce and the land. You will understand then the bitterness of the feeling which has been excited among the leaders of the Nonconformists by the refusal of the Government to accede to their demands when the Education act was before Parliament. It is not so much that they did not get what they wanted, or that they were openly refused it and dared to do their worst that irritates them. They are exasperated by a series of political defeats, and feel that they must do something to revenge themselves and to put heart into their followers. The wound smarts the more because it was inflicted by one of themselves. The management of the Education question was left to Mr. FORSTER, the Vice-President of the Privy Council, a Bradford wool manufacturer, and a member of an old Quaker family. They took it for granted that he would, of course, be on their side, and when they found that he was not for them, but against them, and that he set the general opinion of the country against the views of a violent extreme minority, they were beside themselves with rage and passion. They have declared that they will never forgive him, and that, unless the Government apologizes and satisfies their desires, they will join its enemies in the endeavor to explode it. A good deal of curiosity is felt as to what Mr. BRIGHT'S views are on this question. He was taken ill just on the eve of the bill being brought forward, and it is not known how far he knew or approved of its provisions.

MR. JOHN BRIGHT.

There is still some doubt whether Mr. BRIGHT will appear in the House of Commons next session, or whether, if he does, he will do more than just show himself occasionally, and advise his followers in private. His friends, who have not seen him lately, are startled to hold their advice prepared for a considerable change in his looks. About three years ago his hair became suddenly white—as white almost as snow, and his features now are pinched and careworn. There is a haggard look about the eyes and face which is very painful, and which bespeaks the mental suffering through which he has passed during this second great trial. He has declined several invitations to take part in public meetings at Birmingham, but had composed a long letter to his constituents, which is to be read when his colleagues in the representation of the borough deliver their annual addresses. He still seems as if he expected to be present when the House of Commons meets, and to take an active part in the proceedings, but his medical advisers are positive that he should remain indefinitely labors very gradually. He will probably attend only occasionally at the beginning of the session, take a run to Scotland about the time of the Easter holidays, and then return for one or two important speeches during the latter part of the session. He has just written a very distinct and emphatic letter to the O'Donoghue, declaring that he does not and never has sympathized the Home Rule movement in any way, and that he regards it simply as a proposal for the disruption of the Empire. There is a report that when the bill for conferring votes at Parliamentary elections is brought forward, Bannon will come out very strongly in its favor. The bill is in his brother's hands, and last year drew forth an equivocal but encouraging speech from GLADSTONE.

THE PROSPECTS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS.

The freedom of public meetings has been seriously compromised by some recent disorders. Sir CHARLES DILKE'S meetings in connection with his Republican propaganda were violently disturbed, and in some cases badly got with showers of stones and other missiles. At Bolton several people were injured and one man killed in this way. Mr. Odger, another Republican agitator, has also been dealt with in a similar manner, and on one occasion was very roughly handled and obliged to take refuge in a very unsavory retreat. On the other hand, Sir C. DILKE'S own supporters have similarly disturbed public meetings in Chelsea—the borough he represents—which were called to disavow his Democratic sentiments and to rebuke his alleged attacks on the Queen. Dr. DALRYMPLE, one of the members for Bristol, who is identified with a bill for locking up confirmed drunkards as madmen, was hooted down when he recently attempted to narrate the observations on the treatment of dipsomaniacs which he had made during a tour in the United States. This week a meeting at Exeter, in favor of the Permissive bill, which is the Maine Liquor law under a thin disguise, was invaded by a crowd of drunken roughs, who had been plied with liquor by the publicans, and who caused such an uproar that the voices of the speakers were quite drowned. Bishop TEMPLE, who presided, and whose personal character, if not his profession, should have saved him from such treatment, was pelted with bags of flour, one of which burst on his head, bespattering him and other gentlemen on the platform. Sir C. DILKE'S friends and admirers are anxious to get up a demonstration in his honor in London, but they have as yet been unable to procure a hall in which to hold it. The proprietors of the various public halls to whom application has been made, have refused to allow them to be used for such a purpose, partly in reprobation of the object, but chiefly from fear of the damage to the furniture and fittings which is likely to ensue. The Dilkites have therefore determined to hold this meeting in the open air. Trafalgar-square has been chosen as the scene of the demonstration, and as it will take place at night, the area will be illuminated with lime light. It is unfortunate that so good a pretext for these open-air assemblies in the central parts of the metropolis should have been furnished. Hitherto it has been said that there was no justification for annoying the public by holding meetings in the streets when they could be more conveniently and suitably held in a public hall. As the demonstrationists cannot get a hall they are driven to take to the streets. I should not, however, be very much surprised to hear that Sir C. DILKE'S friends were not particularly anxious to get a hall, and that they are very well satisfied with the result of their applications. It is impossible not to observe that a dangerous spirit of intolerance and violence prevails among various classes of the population, and it is necessary that some effort should be made to control or subdue it. It will never do that the right of public meeting and free speech should be suppressed in this disgraceful manner. It is obvious that questions upon which strong difference of opinion prevails cannot be properly debated at a mixed gathering of all sorts of people who have been brought together promiscuously and from various quarters, and those who call a meeting for such a purpose must not be surprised if they find themselves rudely treated by their opponents. On the other hand, the right of people who agree on a particular question to hold a meeting to express and record that agreement, must be scrupulously protected. Nobody is bound to attend the meeting unless he chooses, and those who go must submit to the conditions under which the meeting has been called.

F. H. J.

NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

Local Option Bill Killed—A Free Railroad Law—Investigating the Treasurer's Accounts.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TRENTON, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1872.

The House was, today, the scene of the most exciting contest of the present session. The Camden City Local Option bill being been set down as the special order, the lobbies and lobbies were at an early hour crowded with an eager and expectant audience, while even the floor of the House was invaded by lobbyists and others interested in the fate of the bill. The number of ladies present was greater than on any previous occasion. Speeches in favor of the bill were made by Messrs. BOURQUIN, GARRIS, PARKER and TORBERT, and against it by Messrs. RYDER, PATTERSON and HERMENGWAY. The vote being taken, resulted—35 yeas and 18 nays, 21 affirmatives being required, so that the bill was lost. The announcement of the vote was greeted with applause from the floors and galleries, but was speedily suppressed. But one Democrat voted in favor of the bill.

RAILROAD CORPORATIONS.

A bill to authorize the formation and regulation of railroad companies, introduced in the House today, provides that any number of persons, not less than ten, may organize for the construction of any railroad—which, however, shall have a capital equal to ten thousand dollars for every mile to be operated of a four-feet eight-inches gauge, or six thousand dollars for every narrow gauge. Five citizens of the State must be directors of every such company. There shall be three railroad commissioners elected at the next annual election, to hold office for two years, who shall be paid for every day of actual service, and who must approve every application for the organization of a company to build and operate a road.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Senate today ordered to a third reading the bill allowing every master to pilot his own vessel, regarded by many as tending to the overthrow of the whole system of pilotage in New-Jersey waters. The Senate passed the bill allowing the Mayors of cities to solemnize marriages; also, the bill to prevent fraud in the manufacture and sale of fertilizers; also, the supplement to the new Lunatic Asylum, making a further appropriation toward its completion; also, the act authorizing a bridge over the Shrewsbury River at the Navesink Highlands.

The House today instructed the Joint Committee on Treasurer's Accounts to inquire into the subject of the payments made to the State Treasurer for furnishing the laws of last session to the newspapers of the State. A meeting of the Riparian Commissioners was held here today to consider the question of the right of the Central Railroad Company to occupy the riparian lands of Communipaw. The Commissioners demand that the Company shall pay the State for said lands, estimating their value at from $700,000 to $1,000,000. The Special Committee on the Erie Railroad appointed in the House today, consists of Messrs. Parker, Rogers, Carse, Silverthorn and Hopper.

NEW-YORK CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

The Fare Murder Mystery.

The trial of WILLIAM GRENING for the murder of ROBERT D. FOSTER came to a conclusion in the Monroe County Court yesterday. The prosecuting attorney, Mr. MILLER, abandoned the attempt to convict of murder in the first degree, and made his argument in favor of a verdict against the prisoner of murder in the second degree. Mr. H. O. PITNEY summed up for the defendant, and contended the plea was discharged by accident while FOSTER was carrying a loaded gun, and that the weapon being pointed toward the ground, the ball glanced from a stone. Yesterday morning Judge DALRYMPLE charged the jury that they should give full weight to GRENING'S testimony, and if they believed it, they should render a verdict of acquittal. The jury retired at 6 o'clock, but had not returned up to a late hour last night.

THE COST OF LIVING.

LETTER FIVE.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The causes of dear living in New-York may be roughly divided into three classes, (which, however, to some overlap,) first, those common to New-York and other large cities throughout the world; secondly, those peculiar to it and to other parts of this country; thirdly, those peculiar to it.

As an instance of the first class, take rent. It is very high in New-York, but it is high in every prosperous and progressing city. Thirty years ago I remember that in Philadelphia, where almost everything else was comparatively ridiculously cheap, rent stood at comparatively a high figure. Since Washington has risen (even though and always after the wisest fashion) by bounds in that place, its rents have gone up, and are now higher (I mean dwelling-house rents) than in New-York seventy-five years ago. Wherever people congregate land will be dear; this is a constant factor in our cost everywhere. It may be increased indirectly by perverse tariffs, ring-combines, and other causes; it may be affected directly by the style of architecture. We must not, however, expect too much from the continental style of building in apartments or "flats," for this reason: Take any continental city—Paris, for instance—land is dear, but building materials are not, and labor is positively cheap. Here every element of rent is dear—land, labor, material and taxes. A recent writer in an illustrated periodical proposes ten story houses, with gardens on the roofs and upper balconies. Unless our present habits of building were infinitely improved, both as regards solidity of workmanship and arrangements of price, flues and gas-burners, such edifices would be wholesale manslaughters, and most frightful accidents would be inevitable results of them. The very elevators might easily become sources of danger.

As an illustration of causes of the second class, take our tariff. It is a gross swindle and a sheer waste combined. I need not expatiate on it, as I am not writing a free-trade article, and any of your readers who have doubts on the subject may find the matter discussed elsewhere.

To illustrate the third class take the Ring robberies. On these also it would be superfluous to dwell. I will only make this one remark, that they fall hardest on persons in moderate circumstances. The very rich man can stand a good deal of fleecing, or he may compromise with the enemy; the *proletaire*, being wanted to help carry out the Irish-Democratic schemes of robbery and murder, has his share of the spoil doled out to him. The middle classes suffer most directly and indirectly. Whether this chronic robbery is irremediable, whether universal suffrage in cities is or is not a total failure—this most important question the final issue of the present reform movement will, to all appearances, determine.

The threefold division which has been made at the outset should always be kept in mind, as it has an important bearing on the possibility of correction. Thus, in examining an expensive breeder (if I may be allowed the term) of the second class, we frequently run our heads against a national habit; and here again it may be necessary to embolvide, and look if the habit grew out of caprice or accident, or if it is deeply founded in what we may call a physical necessity, such as the badness of our domestic service.

Take, for instance, those "modern improvements" gas and Croton. Whether, after adjusting the balance of pro and con, these contrivances deserve the name of improvements is to my mind very questionable; but there can be no doubt that they are appreciable sources of expense, and very annoying ones, because so indefinite. No man can tell when or where or how often his water-pipes will burst. It is very much a question of weather. No man can tell when the plumber, once in the house, will leave it "for good." This valuable member of society makes two holes in mending one, charges you with a pound of solder every time he uses an ounce, (by virtue of his articles of association,) and spreads rack, ruin and vexation about him generally. As to the gas, can anything be added to your New-York experience? Yes; this, and may it console you if, as the proverb says, misery loves company. The gas in several other cities is worse and dearer. Dearer it would have to be were honesty the rule everywhere. In a town like Washington or Charleston, the companies must lay a much greater length of pipe to supply the same number of houses as in New-York, because the houses are scattered. If it were building a city house to-morrow, I should be tempted to banish gas and water-pipes from all the floors except the basement. We do without them very well in the country. The chief difficulty here, as in many other things, is the scarcity of labor. Carrying water up stairs, filling lamps, arranging candlesticks, all require extra work. We do anything to dispense with hired labor; the saddest exhibition of the tendency is the general poisoning of ourselves with anthracite. Anthracite coal is very little cheaper to buy than bituminous, (with a Canadian tariff it would not be at all cheaper,) but a fire of it will keep in for a day—or it necessarily a week, while the other fuel must be frequently looked after.

And this brings me to what may be called the moral and physical distinctions of the subject, and the moral side of it, which, being in some sense the most important, and involving many complications and popular confusions, I shall reserve for my third and last letter.

CARL BENSON.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Feb. 10, 1872.

Cheap Living.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Having seen several articles in your paper about cheap living, I would like to write to you a few words about it. I am a young man, and my salary is $625 per year, and I live just as well as any man that has $6,000 to $7,000 per year, as the following will show:

For board per year	$200
For clothing and shoes	100
For car-fare and newspaper	25
For sundries	50
For traveling during vacation	25
Total	$400

By sundries I mean small articles, such as paper-collars, neckties, blacking, &c., and I think that I will remain a single (bachelor) man for my whole lifetime, and there is no need of eating such thing as scrapple, and by my expenses you will see that I put annually $225 in the bank. A READER OF THE TIMES.

NEW-YORK, Monday, Feb. 12, 1872.

The Annual Visit of St. Valentine.

Yesterday was St. Valentine's Day, whereon beaus send anonymous love missives to their sweethearts, and are prone to receive similar epistles themselves. Formerly, this day was a rich mine to the letter-carrier who delivered the aromatic correspondence, and received several extra dollars as the reward for extra work done. This year, however, the reward was very unsatisfactory to the perspiratory employee of the Post-office. The number of valentines which they were required to deliver was small in comparison with that of former years—that, to use the language of a carrier, "it hardly paid for the extra trouble." It was estimated that about 40,000 of the missives were received at the Post-office, as yesterday and Thursday the City Delivery, according to statements made, by Valentine dealers, however, several millions of their epistolary wares were sold during the past week, which fact certainly shows that the rising generation, and the generation that has fully arrived, not yet quite forgotten to give the cold shoulder to St. Valentine.

Sentences in the Court of General Sessions—A Motion to Relax a Commission from Failure Practice.

Judge BRENNAN, in the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, sentenced JOHN MILLER and JOHN HOLLAND, who were convicted of grand larceny, each to one year's imprisonment. CHARLES HAMMER, for grand larceny, on account of his notorious bad character, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

During the trial of JACOB MILLER, a German, Mr. NOLAN, one of the counsel in the case, stated that this Mr. A. H. HUMMEL had been dismissed from practising before the Court, alleged that HUMMEL had gone to his client, MILLER, and represented that he had authority from him to attend to his client's defense. The counsel denied that he had ever given Mr. HUMMEL any such authority, and said that when the Court was informed of it, it would be good if the allegations that he would be ready to attend to

FOR POLITICAL NOTES.

The Democrats of Connecticut are blustering; the Democrats are also well organized and active.

Gov. WASHBURN, of Massachusetts, did not authorize the use of his name to the call for a Republican convention on Onondaga, to promote a Christian amendment to the National Constitution.

Chief-Justice CHASE is credited with having dismissed all thought of being a candidate for President this year, and with inverting the nomination of Mr. TRUMBULL.

The prominent candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor of Indiana are now said to be Hon. GOULOVE S. ORTH, Hon. RICHARD THOMPSON, and Gen. HARRISON. WRAGG, BROWN, and KIMBALL.

It is declared that Gov. PALMER, of Illinois, is not so all pleased with the process now observed upon him by the men who had he fought during the war, and that he repudiates any connection with the passive movement.

The Republicans carry one of the First Congressional District of New-Hampshire, where a Republican majority of 300 votes. The district includes Portsmouth and Exeter, and last year gave a majority of 56 against the Republican candidate.

Republican Conventions in Decatur and Wayne Counties, Indiana, which were held on the 9th inst., to elect delegates to the Republican State Convention, adopted resolutions favoring the renomination of GRANT and COLFAX by the National Convention.

The Washington correspondent of the Boston Traveller telegraphs that he can say on good authority that not even to revive what good there is left in Democracy, would Senator SUMNER lend his name to carry the election for a party to which he has had a life-long antipathy.

Democratic papers of Connecticut which, a week ago, announced that Mr. WILLIAM G. MITCHELL, of Milford, had been appointed Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, now say that Mr. F. B. BROWN, of Hartford, has been elected to the position. No explanation is given.

At a political meeting in Portsmouth, N. H., a few nights ago, Hon. E. H. ROLLINS, Chairman of the Republican State Committee, predicted the election of the Republican candidate for Governor by the people of New-Hampshire, and a large Republican majority in the Legislature.

The Columbia (S. C.) *Phœnix*, now a Conservative Democratic paper, expresses a wish to see Judge JAMES L. ORR once more Governor of the Palmetto State, and says that he is about the only man of the Republican Party whom the white people of the State could see made Governor without apprehension and regret.

The Republican County Convention for Missouri, to elect delegates to the regular State Convention, on the 22d inst., are represented to be marked by the most complete harmony and good-will, indicative of an earnest purpose to make a united and successful fight against the Democrats, whether they call themselves Liberal Republicans or peasivists. Some of the conventions have declared in favor of the renomination of President GRANT.

The Mobile *Register* once more proclaims that the Democratic Party is not dead, and hints at its idea of the real character of that party when it says: "When the Democrat must keep your Southern 'rebels' out of the national Democratic Convention, because the odor of your treason will damage the prospects of the cause, we answer, *our friends* from Maine to California do not think so, and scorn to imitate the cowardly Jacobin example of the Republicans, excommunication and protract ed disunion."

The Bridgeport *Standard* is wondering who will furnish the Connecticut Democrats their funds this year. Their candidate for Governor refuses to give money to secure his election; while TWEED, the *Standard* thinks, "will not probably respond very largely, and WOODWARD can hardly be expected to contribute liberally now that he is fenced out of his old thieving pasture, especially if they renominate him for the Senate, when he will have occasion to use all his spare change in his own district."

SAMUEL TOWNSEND, of Delaware, who was appointed a member of the National Democratic Committee by the New-York Convention of 1868, has written another of his peculiar letters, in which he savagely attacks a Democratic editor of the State for denying that he was regularly appointed, and says: "Our old Democratic Party is dead, and if you wish to shake its dry bones, I am ready either on the stump or in the newspapers. I have a very vivid recollection of scores of political scoundrels who professed to be great Democrats, but were only such from teeth outwards."

Ex-Gov. HENRY S. FOOTE, of Tennessee, has been writing another letter, devoting it to a lamentation over the evil ways into which the Democratic Party has fallen. That party, he says, "fearfully enfeebled of late by the revelation of deep-seated corruption in its own vitals, is yet struggling, with something of its ancient energy and valor, to recover its former position in the public esteem, but certainly without the least possibility of being able to do so in time to take a very controlling part in the coming Presidential election." He favors the nomination of Mr. TRUMBULL or Judge DAVIS by the opposition.

The Staten Island Elections.

The following is the result of Tuesday's election in Staten Island

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The following is a review of the business transacted at the Exchange yesterday, Feb. 14:

At an executors' sale by order of the executors of WASHINGTON WHEELWRIGHT, dec., Adam A. MULLER, WILKINS & CO. sold the brick house known as No. 209 West Twenty-seventh-street, north side, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, containing a three-story high-stoop brick house, with lot 21.8 by 98.9, for $18,100. Also, for same estate, the premises No. 247 West Twenty-seventh-street, north side, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, comprising a three-story brick house, with lot 21.8 by 98.9, for $11,000. Purchaser at the first-named property, J. H. RAUBE, and of the second, Thomas STORKE. The same firm also offered at auction, the three-story high-stoop brick house and lot, No. 216 West Twenty-fourth-street, near the first house sold, but no adequate bids being received no sale was effected.

By REMSEN, at public auction, disposed of the four-story brick warehouse and lot known as No. 8 Water-street, between Old Slip and Wall-st., for $22,200; purchaser, ANDREW CLARK. The same auctioneer also offered for sale two elegant and basement free houses and lot, on the east side of First-avenue, between One Hundred and Twelfth and One Hundred and Thirteenth streets, but without results, as the bids made did not warrant a transfer of title.

Thomas McGUIRE, by order of the Supreme Court in partition, under the direction of DAVID D. TERRY, referee, sold a four-story brick tenement-house and lot, the latter 20.10.6 x 100.11 on the north side of East Eleventh-street, between Avenues A and B, and known as No. 641, for $11,050; purchaser, Bernard KELLY. The final sale of a house and lot on Twenty-fourth-street, near First-avenue, announced for yesterday, was adjourned by Mr. McGUIRE until the 24th inst.

The large sale of the day was effected by James M. MILLER, who, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, under the direction of Richard L. DEARING Esq., referee, sold to Joseph PAINTER the two-story and attic brick-front house and lot—latter 16 by 100—No. 27 Fifth-street, between Canal and Hester streets, for $9,000. In reference to the sale of Brooklyn property, the conditions established yesterday by JOHNSON & MILLER, a report will be made to-morrow.

At private sale, A. C. LOONS & Co., No. 1,324 Broadway, report having recently disposed of the premises known as No. 88 Seventh-avenue, west side, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, consisting a three-story brick house, with lot 22.1 by 100, for $19,000. The exact features of the sum total realized at the sale of the Dovelle estate held on Tuesday are $666,125.

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STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

Aside from real estate, at an extensive stock sale conducted at the Exchange yesterday, by Messrs. MILLER, WILKINS & Co., the following securities were disposed of at the percentage prices noted: 800 shares Greenwich Bank, par value $25 each, sold at from 229 to 230 per cent; 100 shares Erie Railroad Company, preferred stock, par $100 each, sold at 60 per cent; 99 shares Nassau National Bank, par $100 each, at 140; New-York County Bank, $100 each, at 226; $12,000 New-York Central Railroad Company 7 per cent. Sinking Fund Bonds, due 1883, interest May and November, at 95; $2,000 Harlem Railroad Company first mortgage 7 per cent. bonds, due 1873, interest May and November, at 103½; $10,640 Metropolitan Gas-light Company stock, at 112; 100 shares Bank of Manhattan Company, $50 each, at 151; 99,000 Manhattan Gas-light Company 7 per cent. certificates, accrued interest from 1st December last to be charged to the purchaser, $1,000 each, at 99¾; $1,000 United States Currency Sixes, Funded, 1881, at 114¾; $2,600 Metropolitan Gas-light Company Scrip Stock, at 112; $18,000 Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Company First Mortgage 7 per Cent. Sinking Fund Bonds, due 1886, interest May and November, $1,000 each, at 105¾; 100 shares Third-avenue Railroad Company, $100 each, at 159; $10,000 Third-avenue Railroad Company 7 per Cent. Registered Bonds, due 1890, interest January and July, $5,000 each, at 91½; 20 shares Hamilton Fire Insurance Company, $15 each, at 152½; 20 shares Hoffman Fire Insurance Company, $50 each, at par; 20 shares Commercial Exchange Insurance Company stock, $25 each, at 80; 10 shares Clinton Fire Insurance Company, $100 each, at 146; 20 shares New-York Equitable Insurance Company, $35 each, at 160; 200 Shares Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company, preferred stock, $100 each, at 31; 5 shares Broadway National Bank, $25 each, at 208; 7 shares Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad Company First Preferred Stock, $100 each, at 41; 14 shares Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad Company Second Preferred Stock, $100 each, at 24, and 10 shares Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railroad Company Common Stock, par $100 each, sold at 12¾ per cent.

The following securities were sold in lots, and brought the sums stated as in each instance accrued: 100 shares Gaynard Lead Company, sold for $9 the lot; 40 shares South Brooklyn and Bergen-street Railroad Company, par $100, sold for $16; 1,000 shares Mountain Pine Silver Mining Company, par $1 each, sold for $1; 200 shares Daviston Lead Company, $10 for $; 200 shares Knickerbocker Petroleum Company, $10 each, $5 for lot; 100 shares Raritan and Delaware Bay Railroad Company, $100 each, $21 for lot; 500 shares New-York and Silver Peak Mining Company, $100 each, $5; 1 share Hudson-avenue Railroad Company, $100 each, $5; $6,000 Hudson-avenue Railroad Company bonds, $500 each, sold for $50, and 1,000 shares Stella Petroleum Company, $5 each, sold for $11 the lot.

Exchange Sales, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

NEW-YORK.

By Muller, Wilkins & Co.

Factory high-stoop brick B. and L., No. 228 West 26th st., s. s., 25 ft. w. of 7th-av., lot 25.1x98.9 ... $32,750

Factory low-stoop brick h. and L., No. 247 West 27th st., n. s., 321.2 ft. e. of 9th-av., lot 21.8x98.9 11,750

By Wm. Kennedy.

Factory brick warehouse and lot, No. 22 Water-st., s. s., between Old Slip and Wall-st., lot 25.2x100.3 ... $22,200

By Joseph McGuire.

Factory and basement brick basement-house and lot, No. 641 East 11th-st., n. s., 18 ft. e. of Avenue B, lot 20x103.2 ... 12,000

By James M. Miller.

Factory and stable brick front house and lot, No. 27 Fourth-st., w. s., between Canal and Hester sts., lot 18x100 ... 9,000

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NO. 60 WEST 38TH-ST. FOR SALE, cheap, to close a partnership. Must be sold to-morrow. Inquire of E. H. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY and basement brick house in West 45th-st. Inquire of WM. H. & O. SHEPARD, No. 16 West 45th-st.

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Broadway, n. Wall-st.	Madison-st., n. Market.
Broadway, n. Grand-st.	Mangin-st., n. Houston.
Broadway, n. Canal-st.	Mercer-st., n. Spring.
Canal-st., n. Broadway.	Pearl-st., n. Pearl-st.
Chambers-st., n. Pearl.	Pearl-st., n. Beekman.
Chatham-st., n. Pearl.	Prince-st., n. Mulberry.
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Crosby-st., n. Prince.	Stanton-st., n. Bowery.
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Division-st., n. Bowery.	Sullivan-st., n. Prince.
Elizabeth-st., n. Spring.	Sixth-st., n. Stanton.
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First cabin.....$125 | Second cabin.....$75
Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
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First cabins, $65 and $75, according to location.
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CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
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RUSSIA.....Wednesday, Feb. 21, '72
ALGERIA.....Wednesday, Feb. 28, '72
CALABRIA.....Wednesday, Mar. 6, '72
CHINA.....Wednesday, Mar. 13, '72
and every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY
FROM BOSTON.
PARTHIA.....Saturday, Feb. 10, '72
SIBERIA.....Saturday, Feb. 17, '72
SAMARIA.....Saturday, Feb. 24, '72
GERMANIA.....Saturday, Mar. 2, '72
RUSSIA.....Saturday, Mar. 9, '72
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RATES OF PASSAGE:
Cabin, $80, $100 and $120, gold, according to accommodation.
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NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....Mar. 13, at 8½ A. M.
NEW-YORK, Capt. WHITEHAY.....Mar. 20, at 2½ P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. MORGAN.....Mar. 27, at 7½ P. M.
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CITY OF BROOKLYN, Saturday, Mar. 9, 2 P. M.
CITY OF PARIS, Saturday, Mar. 16, 11 A. M.
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First cabin.....$75 Steerage.....$30
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Pier No. 45 North River.
SPAIN, Capt. Cates, Saturday, Feb. 17, at 10 A. M.
THE QUEEN, Thomas, Saturday, Feb. 24, at 3 P. M.
EGYPT, George, Saturday, March 2, at 9 A. M.
FOR LONDONDERRY.
DENMARK, Sumner, Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 12 M.
Passage at Liverpool, Queenstown, or London direct: Cabin, $75 and $80, currency; steerage, $28 currency.
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Steamers leave 15th and 30th each month, except when those dates fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
Feb. 15—Steamer OCEAN QUEEN, Capt. Jerry Maury, will leave Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock noon, for Aspinwall, via Kingston, Jam., connecting at Panama with steamer COLORADO, Capt. ——, touching at Acapulco, Mazatlan and Mazatlan; and also connecting for all Central American and South Pacific ports. Freight for last-named ports received until 4 P. M. of Feb. 12.
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REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. THELEPLADE.....Feb. 23
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Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. R. M. ADAMS, Feb. 15.
CRESCENT CITY, Capt. W. VAN BRUNT, (via Nassau), Feb. 22.
MISSOURI, Capt. T. H. MORTON, Feb. 29.
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CITY OF MONTICELLO, Saturday, March 2.
CLEOPATRA, Philips, (Havana only), Wed., Mar. 13.
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HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. CHESEBROUGH, TUESDAY, Feb. 13, from Pier No. 40 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTONE, FOX, Capt. ——, Saturday, Feb. 17.
SAN SALVADOR, Capt. HERRMANN, SATURDAY, Feb. 17, from Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

MONTGOMERY, Capt. FARNSWORTH, SATURDAY, Feb. 17, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 12 M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 6 West-st.

LEO, Capt. DEARBORN, TUESDAY, Feb. 20, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
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WANTED—BY A CANADIAN GIRL, AS first-class cook, a situation in a gentleman's family; understands cooking in all its branches; also, a young girl as chamber-maid and waitress to go with her; would prefer a situation on the Hudson. Can be seen at No. 201 8th-av. for two days.

WANTED—A COOK'S SITUATION BY A Protestant woman; very respectable, and thorough cook; meats, games, soups of all kinds, pastry, cream, jellies, side dishes; excellent bread, &c.; country or City; good City references. Call at No. 225 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION IN A PRIVATE family by a good plain cook; no objection to some washing and ironing if required; is an excellent baker; best City reference for past three and a half years. Apply at No. 238 West 16th-st., between 7th and 8th ave.

WANTED—A WAITRESS' OR CHAMBER-maid and waiter's situation by a very respectable young woman; an excellent waitress; understands the care of silver, getting up salads, &c.; country or City; good testimonials. Call at No. 238 4th-av.

WANTED—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE middle-aged woman, a situation as lady's maid and seamstress; understands dressing hair perfectly; is thoroughly competent and well recommended. Apply at No. 340 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG Protestant woman, as cook; can give first-class references (not years); will work in a respectable boarding-house. Apply at No. 129 West 11th-st., corner of 6th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young girl as first-class seamstress and dress-maker; excellent operator on Willcox & Gibbs machine; best City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 116 East 11th-st., between 3d and 4th ave.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTestant girl a situation as infant's nurse and to do plain sewing; thoroughly understands the care of a baby; good City references. Call or address A. D., No. 61 West Washington-place.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG GIRL, PROTESTant, a situation as good plain cook in a private family; no objection to the country for the Summer months. Can be seen at present employers, No. 21 West 12th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COOK, OR cook, wash and iron, by a very respectable woman; country or City; good cook, good washer and ironer; best of City references. Call at No. 326 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXCEllent woman as first-class cook in a private family; thoroughly understands her business in all its branches; soups, game, boning and larding; excellent baker; best City references. Call or address 62 West 23d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as first-class laundress; can do all kinds fine washing, French finting, &c.; has good City reference; no objection to the country. Apply at No. 645 6th-av.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as good cook; can do pastry of all kinds; also game and vegetables; has the best City reference; private family preferred. Call at No. 122 West 23d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young woman as cook; understands her business in all its branches; is capable and reliable; has the best of City reference. Call at No. 225 West 20th-st.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL, A situation to do general house-work, or would do chamber-work and fine washing; best of City references from her last place. Call for two days at No. 351 6th-av.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN, a situation as first-class cook in a private family; no objection to go a short distance in the country; good reference. Call for two days at 108 East 125th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPEtent person to cook, wash and iron in a small family; first-class references. Apply at No. 224 South 5th-av., near 4th-st., Williamsburgh.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as good cook; no objection to work in the house; excellent washing; best City reference. Call at No. 225 West 19th-st.

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WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG girl as waitress in a private family; has got good City references. Call at her present employer's for two days, No. 14 West 32d-st.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL, A situation to do chamber-work and fine washing and ironing. Call at the Employment and Insurance Office, No. 721 6th-av., near 42d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO DO LIGHT house-work in a small family; excellent washer and ironer; good reference. Apply at No. 322 2d-av., third floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook; is a good baker; no objection to the country; good City reference given. Call at No. 1,236 Broadway, near 37th-st., top floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECtable young woman as first-class cook; is thoroughly competent; has the best of reference; first-class City references. Call at 217 West 19th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as first-class laundress; understands all kinds of French finting, fine muslins, &c.; best of City reference. Apply at No. 340 4th-av.

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WANTED—A SITUATION BY A GOOD cook, waiter and laundress; an excellent baker; good City reference. Apply at No. 343 West 23d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPEtent woman as nurse; has charge three years of the best of references; fine sewer; has no objection to go South; will be willing to wait with the second wishing. Can be seen at No. 122 West 34th-st., between 5th and 6th ave., second floor.

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ROBBING THE ORPHAN.

A Chapter in the History of James Walker Fowler.

The Old Story Retold—A Fraud Brought to Light by Surrogate Hutchings—Bad Writing and Orphans Neglected—The Facts and Figures.

Among the claims presented to the Board of Audit is one from JAMES W. FOWLER, (formerly connected with the Surrogate's office,) who wants $8,166 68 for services as Justice of the Third District Court of this City for 1871. There is a chapter in the history of the public life of FOWLER of more than ordinary interest to the people. At the time Surrogate HUTCHINGS assumed the duties of his office—which was Jan. 1, 1870—he sent a communication to the Board of Supervisors embodying a letter from Ex-Surrogate TUCKER, in which occurred the following statements:

WHAT MR. HUTCHINGS BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

"There exists the deficiency (of which you are already aware) in the funds of this office, which deficiency was caused by the defalcations of JAMES WALKER FOWLER. Mr. FOWLER took the office of Assistant Surrogate by the written appointment of a majority of the Board of Supervisors, in the Spring of 1868. Subsequently, on the illness and sickness of the Surrogate, he received and appropriated to his own use the sums amounting in the whole to $22,079 65. A list of the amounts thus received by Mr. FOWLER and never paid over to the Surrogate will be found appended, marked "E." I discovered the accounts were wrong and compelled him to resign. He took possession of and carried away with him the deposit and account books, thus depriving me, for a time, of ascertaining the amount of his depredations. An investigation of the Trust Company's books, however, afforded the clue, and a careful and extended examination of the Surrogate's records revealed the full extent of his misconduct. So soon as this was known, I communicated, as you are aware, with the then District-Attorney, (now Hon. ELIE HORTON, Mayor,) by whom I was advised that our statutes would not afford any punishment for Mr. FOWLER's acts of appropriation. I then consulted my honored predecessor in this office, Ex-Surrogate BRADFORD, as to my own liability, and was advised by him that the City of New-York, having required a bond of office with sureties to be given by Mr. FOWLER for the faithful discharge of his official duties, (under the act of 1847, chapter 560, section 615,) the Surrogate was not responsible for the moneys abstracted by Mr. FOWLER, and which had never come into the hands of the Surrogate in any manner, Mr. FOWLER's bondsmen, who are liable for the amount of his bond, have never, to my knowledge, been prosecuted by the proper authorities; and the amount thus stolen by him from the widows and orphans has never been returned to this office. The interest upon the amount of his defalcations has been kept down, and the principal of the amount itself has been reduced by me by a careful saving (as the books will show) of balances of interest."

THE DEFALCATIONS EXAMINED.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, held May 20, 1870, CHARLES E. WILMOUR, accountant in the matter of the defalcations in the Surrogate's office, reported as follows:

"That he had made and caused to be made a thorough examination of the matter as the books and records of the Surrogate's office would allow, and that the amount required to replace the several sums unaccounted for, with interest to Dec. 1, 1870, was $69,030 20."

The report was, on motion of TWEED, President of the Board, "referred to the Controller, with directions to embody the amount of the deficiency in the Tax Levy for 1870, and to draw his warrant in favor of Surrogate HUTCHINGS, for the amount, with directions to the Surrogate to deposit the same in a Trust Company, in a special account, out of which should be paid claims only in favor of estates wherein the deficiences existed."

FOWLER'S DEFALCATIONS.

The following are the items of the list marked "E," appended to Ex-Surrogate TUCKER's communication:

Estate of Alvin Bahlman, June 20, 1863, and Jan. 13, 1864	$28 00
Estate of Florence Jones, April 23 and Nov. 11, 1864	210 00
Estate of G. G. Smith, Aug. 15, 1863, and Feb. 1, 1864	41 46
Estate of W. H. Sipley, Aug. 15, 1863, and Feb. 1, 1864	125 20
Estate of Peter Smith, Aug. 15, 1863, and Feb. 1, 1864	9 30
Estate of Alonzo Draper, Aug. 15, 1863, and Jan. 13, 1864	21 68
Estate of Charles Bahlman, June 20, 1863, and Jan. 13, 1864	29 00
Estate of Anna C. Bahlman, June 20, 1863, and Jan. 13, 1864	25 00
Estate of George O. Clapp, Aug. 15, 1863, and Feb. 1, 1864	19 52
Estate of Wyatt children, May 12, 1863, and Nov. 11, 1864	24 00
Estate of Love children, June 20, 1863, and Jan. 13, 1864	32 00
Estate of Anna E. Edgecomb, June 20, 1863, and Jan. 13, 1864	45 50
Estate of M. Finch and others, May 12, 1863, and Nov. 11, 1864	112 20
Estate of A. Bridgeman, May 12, 1863	29 40
Estate of Fanny E. Wright, (bond and mortgage,) November, 1863	12,000 00
Estate of Fanny E. Wright (about two years' interest)	1,080 00
Estate of Folk C. Wright (H. Spear mortgage)	6,000 00
Estate of Folk C. Wright (about three years' interest)	1,260 00
Estate of Charles Wrixner	1,500 00
Estate of Charles Wrixner (about 1869 and one-half years' interest)	188 00
Estate of N. H. Pratt, July 22 and Feb. 22, 1863	122 26
Estate of Lydia Children, June 20, Aug. 22, Sept. 1 and Oct. 1, 1863; Jan. 13, Jan. 26, Feb. 24 and March 1, 1864	1,228 10
Estate of Pulaski Noe, May 2, 1864	2,164 78
Estate of William Clark	2,464 20
Ludlam estate, March 25, 1863	164 20
John Boyce, decree June 6, 1863	1,418 34
Total	$22,079 65

AN INTOLERABLE NUISANCE.

A Pestilential Locality—The East River Dumping-Ground—Gross Neglect of Contractor Brown.

For a long time the residents in the neighborhood of Forty-fifth and Forty-seventh streets, East River, have been loud in their complaints of the nuisance caused by the offal heaps on the dumping-grounds at the foot of Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets. For months the garbage has been allowed to accumulate, instead of being carried away, and no adequate provision has been made for its removal. At present it lies in great heaps, reaching from Forty-fifth-street to Forty-seventh-street, and over nearly the whole ground from twenty-five to thirty feet in depth. A number of barges, wholly or in part laden, lie as the wharf, and the whole reeking mass steams in the sun like a great cauldron. The stench is almost intolerable, and the wind wafts the pestilential odor over the neighborhood, which is a thickly-populated tenement locality. Efforts have been made from time to time by people living near by to have the nuisance removed, but all their representations have been of no avail. Plenty of promises have been made, but nothing has been done, and the offensive heaps still remain, and are daily accumulating, breeding disease and endangering the health of all in their neighborhood. Close to these garbage heaps are a number of slaughter-houses, which add their perfumes to the already poisoned air. Some of the tenement-houses are directly over these heaps, and the stench comes up directly into the windows of the occupants. Yesterday the wind was blowing off shore, and even there the smell was positively sickening. It is easy to conceive what it must be when the wind from the opposite quarter brings the savor over the City, loading the air with pestilence and disease. The locality is one decidedly chargeable for the development of epidemics, and it is only another example of the very efficient manner in which the work is not performed. There are some thousands of loads, the accumulations of months, in various places. The offal carts are constantly discharging their loads and adding to this already pestilent source of pestilence.

Suburban Shovelers—Partitions—West Farms and the Harlem Railroad.

The Committee recently appointed by the citizens of West Farms to confer with the officers of the Harlem Railroad Company in relation to affording increased facilities of communication to and from the City, called at the office of the Company on Tuesday, and had an interview with Mr. SEYMOUR, the Secretary, and Mr. L. G. BUCKOUT, Chief Engineer and Superintendent of the road, who intimated to them the plan which had been prepared for the relief of Fourth-avenue, above Fifteen-street, from railroad obstructions and dangers by making the tracks, and increasing the number of them, to four. By this plan, which has been published in THE TIMES, it is proposed to commence at Forty-ninth-street with the construction of the Fourth track, and carry the present tracks to a point above Seventy-ninth-street or some distance of the Yorkville depot, and then taper down to two single tracks, leaving one on the side of the Seventh track, or third Ninety-fifth-street, north side of the high embankment on Fourth-avenue, which will be arranged so as to afford the widest and most convenient access to the Harlem Railroad depot. Mr. SEYMOUR, in reply to the committee, said that the Company would be willing to construct a partition between the Harlem and Hudson River tracks